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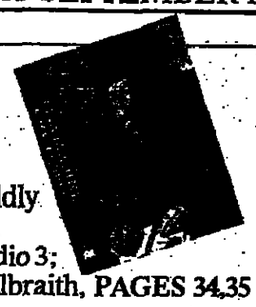
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Tory sceptics hail warning of split

Euro fury as Rifkind joins EMU battle

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND CHARLES BREMNER

BRITAIN'S relations with the European Union were thrown into fresh turmoil yesterday after Europe's leaders responded sharply to a warning from Malcolm Rifkind that the single currency would split the Continent in two.

The Foreign Secretary was praised by leading Conservative Euro-sceptics for stating that the divided European Union that would be created by monetary union was not the aim of its founding fathers.

Mr Rifkind was seen by influential Tories as having strengthened his credentials as a potential future Tory leader by delivering perhaps the strongest signal so far of Cabinet disenchantment with the idea of British participation in a single currency.

That it came from a Foreign Secretary, traditionally a post whose incumbent has been enthusiastic about Europe, intensified the satisfaction of the sceptics last night. John Redwood voiced delight at Mr Rifkind's words, which were delivered in a speech in Zurich to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Churchill's address on the future of Europe. Currency union was a "disaster waiting to happen", said Mr Redwood, and Britain was right to warn of its dangers.

Sir Michael Spicer, another leading Euro-sceptic, said Mr Rifkind's warning that a single currency would be bad for Europe was "excellent and the tougher we are on that the better".

David Heathcoat-Amory, who resigned as Paymaster General in July to campaign against Britain's entry into a single currency, said: "Mr Rifkind appears to be responding to the clear mood of the country and recognises that the divisions will be irreparable. But we need now to take practical steps as a matter of urgency, and take the decision not to enter monetary union."

Mr Rifkind emphasised the growing sense of disillusionment towards the EU across Europe. "We should not proceed down a path of integration faster or further than our people are prepared to go," he said. "Those who neglect this maxim fall into the trap of seeing Europe in terms of a state of thinking that we can better achieve our common goals simply by projecting the aspirations and ambitions of individual nations on to an EU canvas."

If monetary union went ahead, around half the existing members and virtually all of the 12 countries seeking membership would be unable to meet the criteria to join the single currency. "Such a divided European Union was not what the founding fathers had in mind," he said. "We will need to give much greater consideration to its implications than has, until now, been conceded."

Britain had "an alternative vision" for Europe as a partnership of nations. "It is a vision based on choosing carefully the stepping stones towards closer co-operation; not jumping blindly towards ever greater integration, flailing for footholds that may prove precarious or illusory." Mr Rifkind's sceptical views on the single currency were clear when John Major appointed him Foreign Secretary to replace Douglas Hurd.

Even though he has been traditionally associated with the centre-left of the party, his stand on monetary union will increase his attractiveness to the right if a compromise candidate is sought during a leadership election. Another is Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

But Mr Rifkind upset European politicians already braced for Britain to pull back from the Florence agreement that ended the beef war.

Jacques Santer, the Commission President, told Euro MPs that the single currency "now has to be seen to be inevitable" and would emerge on target on January 1, 1999. "We are on the way to an unprecedented success in the history of European integration, indeed in the history of Europe itself." But he attacked Britain and other states, which he accused of slowing down the moves.

Mr Santer used a "State of the Union" address to the European Parliament to voice the growing alarm felt in Brussels over the near stagnant state of negotiations to review the Maastricht treaty. His thinking was backed by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, whose country is one of the most Euro-enthusiastic in the Union.

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Diana, Princess of Wales, arriving in Athens with Susie Kassem and Sister Lizzie

Diana's secret flight to funeral

BY ALAN HAMILTON

DIANA, Princess of Wales slipped out of Britain yesterday to attend the funeral in Greece of a man she had befriended during a series of private visits to sick and dying patients in a London hospital.

The Princess, dressed in black, attended the burial yesterday afternoon of Yannis Kaliviotis, 27, a law graduate, at a church in Limni on the island of Evvoia, near Athens. She left RAF Northolt at 7.30am on a private jet, with her office at Kensington Palace insisting that she was going on a private holiday.

She was accompanied by Susie Kassem, a close friend who has associations with the Royal Brompton and who was largely responsible for introducing the Princess to the hospital and the work of Dr Magdi Yacoub, the heart surgeon, whose patient Mr Kaliviotis was. The party also included Sister "Lizzie" Elizabeth, a

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Cook tribute seeks to unite Labour left behind Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR will be given an important boost today when Robin Cook, leader of the Labour left, delivers a warm tribute to his leadership and calls on the party to fall in behind him.

The move, clearly designed to steady party nerves ahead of what may be a difficult conference this month, comes amid rumblings among unions and the left about Mr Blair's style and long-term intentions.

With all parties gearing up for the autumn political battle, Mr Blair yesterday went on the offensive, challenging John Major to a television debate about which party occupies the high moral ground in Britain.

Tonight, at a forum in London organised by *The Times* and Dillons, he will answer questions about his vision for Britain and current party developments.

The Shadow Foreign Secretary will be making a speech in Leeds about restoring Britain's international influence.

But, after the turmoil at the end of the TUC conference last week over Labour's union links and the call by a leading moderniser to drop the word "socialism" from party vocabulary, Mr Cook has decided to include a passage backing the direction in which Mr Blair is taking the party.

It will be regarded as of considerable significance by the leadership. Mr Cook, initially sceptical about Mr Blair's decision to change Clause 4, became a committed convert to the idea and played an influential role in pushing it through the party.

Today's intervention, coming after complaints from activists that Mr Blair is pushing the party too fast, will be seen in the same light. The Labour leader, after a trouble-free conference last year, faces possible defeats on pensions, the minimum wage, child benefit and defence spending.

But Mr Cook will call on the party to lift its sights to leaving behind the "barren and ultimately futile land of Opposition". He will say Labour values are eternal but must be applied in new ways to changing circumstances. He will argue that because Labour under Mr Blair has had the courage to face up to change it has earned people's trust.

Mr Blair's challenge to Mr Major came after the Prime Minister, in a BBC interview yesterday morning, argued the moral case for tax cuts, a theme that he expanded in a speech last night.

But Mr Major was non-committal about entering a debate with Mr Blair, saying that he would not participate in soundbite debates or "a simple trivial, televised spectacular".

Mr Blair went on lunchtime BBC radio to insist that morality was about education, the homeless and the unemployed rather than taxation.



"Oh hell, I promised to tape this for my wife"

Ambulances to get eight-minute target

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

PROPOSALS for a two-tier ambulance service requiring crews to respond to priority calls within eight minutes could save 3,200 lives a year.

Heart attack victims and serious road casualties will benefit most from the new fast-response service being sought by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary. The proposals are included in a White Paper today on the Citizen's Charter, which sets out the Government's objectives for the next five years.

Ambulance control staff in future will screen emergency calls for "life-threatening conditions" that require medical care within eight minutes. This new rapid response will also apply to those who are unconscious or with serious breathing difficulties, those having serious allergic reactions, pregnant women with severe bleeding, and children under two involved in accidents.

But the response time has been drawn up with a particular view to heart attack victims. Doctors have advised the Department of Health that the maximum possible time for electric shock or defibrilator treatment to be effective is eight minutes.

Mr Dorrell wants the faster response times to be introduced by ambulance services nationwide next year. There have already been pilot schemes in several areas. Targets for less urgent 999 calls will continue to be 14 minutes in urban areas and 19 minutes in the country.

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South Korea on alert after submariners are killed

BY ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SOUTH Korea's navy and air force were on full alert last night after 11 North Koreans from a stranded submarine were found dead during what appeared to be a bungled infiltration operation. A twelfth man was arrested and a hunt was under way for others.

The South Korean Defence Ministry said 20 infiltrators were thought to have landed near the east coast town of Kangnung yesterday when their submarine hit a rock a few yards offshore.

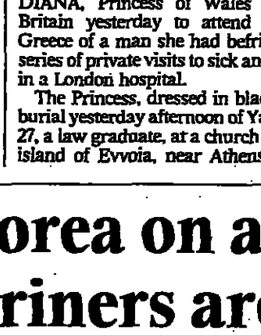
Eleven bodies were later found in nearby mountains, possibly killed by their leader, who then committed suicide. "One of the dead infiltrators had a gun on him and we think he killed himself after shooting the others," a Defence Ministry spokesman said. Yesterday there were reports of an exchange of gunfire between South Korean forces and two infiltrators, who fled afterwards.

A twelfth man who was captured identified himself as Lee Kwan Su, 31, and said 20 people had been in the submarine. They were put ashore yesterday when the 325-tonne vessel broke down just off the beach. He told interrogators that the submarine drifted into South Korean waters after developing engine trouble, television news reports said.

However, there was also speculation that the submarine could have been sent to pick up an agent or drop spies. There were signs that the men had fled in panic from the submarine, with weapons and ammunition abandoned in the vessel and personal belongings scattered along a road.

Soldiers searching the submarine found a piece of paper with the slogan: "We will accomplish the mission without fail," as well as weapons, ammunition and grenades.

Since the Korean War ended in 1953, North Korea has regularly infiltrated spies and launched commando raids against the south. The two states have still not signed a peace treaty.



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Mob kills Briton in Croatia

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

A BRITISH soldier serving with Nato-led forces in Bosnia has died after being set upon by a Croatian mob wielding baseball bats and iron bars.

Private Simon Jeans, 25, who was married with a 20-month-old son and serving with the Implementation Force in Sarajevo, had just run a charity marathon in Split to raise money for children made homeless by war in the former Yugoslavia.

Private Jeans, who was from Basingstoke, Hampshire, was celebrating on Sunday with four other soldiers after completing the run when they were asked to leave a bar and attacked by a crowd of about 30 locals. He suffered a fractured skull and died later at Frimley Park military hospital in Surrey.

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Fizz taken out of life for drinkers with no bottle for pop

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

PARTIES may soon go with a phut, if a revolutionary new champagne cork catches on.

The cork is designed to remove the risk and most of the excitement from opening a bottle of champagne. Anxious bystanders may breathe easy as a gentle whisper of escaping gas replaces the volcanic eruption of a traditional cork. The new cork looks just like an ordinary one, reports *New Scientist*, save for a tab on the side. When tugged this pulls a tiny peg inside the cork upwards, reducing the girth of the cork inside the bottle.

At the same time, a hole opens in the base of the cork's mushroom-shaped top, releasing gas from the neck of the bottle. The wire brace which holds the cork in place can then be removed and the deflated cork easily pulled.

"Many of our clients are women and old folk who enjoy champagne but find the opening of the bottle a daunting experience," says Philippe Bienvenue, sales director of Cattier, a champagne house which is giving the new cork a trial.

A secondary advantage is that the cork can be replaced in the bottle, unlike a traditional one. Its inventor, Jacques Pitoux, says that the bottle can still be popped in the usual way—if the tab if left alone the cork functions like a normal champagne cork.

Jane MacQuitty, the *Times* wine correspondent, was sceptical that the new design would catch on. "The velocity of a champagne cork can be impressive," she says. "It can take your eye out. But the producers would have to be completely certain the new design would work, and wouldn't just create new problems. I should think it would also be quite expensive."

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To be honest, John, please spare us the moralising

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

JOHN MAJOR has a split political personality. The more attractive side is Honest John, the competent and proven manager, coping in a decent and commonsense way with all the intractable problems of Britain and the world. The man you can trust.

The less appealing side is the partisan politician — the permanent Young Conservative — who is constantly expressing outrage about his opponents and regarding as unfair any criticism of him and the Government. The former is more appealing for those of us who like their politicians with a touch of self-doubt, while the latter appeals more to the committed. Both sides — the reasonable and the prickly — were in evidence yesterday in Mr Major's *Today* programme interview and in his *Spectator* lecture. Mr Major was wrong to invoke morality in the debate over the size of government.

Of course, if you are talking about a state that was so dominant and pervasive as the old East European regimes, or as North Korea still is, it is a moral issue since basic human freedoms are involved. But, as Mr Major admitted, Britain is now in the middle of the international range of public spending. It is nonsense to pretend that the choice between public spending at just over 40 per cent of national income or nearer 35 per cent is about morality rather than efficiency and equality. It is anyway a bit rich for the Tories to talk about morality given the Government's own patchy record on public spending in the early 1990s

Mr Major offered a solid defence of what the Government *has* done in social security, privatisation and deregulation. Private ownership has transformed standards in former state industries. Ahead of today's Citizen's Charter White Paper, he fairly pointed to changes in the culture of public services and their responsiveness to consumers. Labour has been catching up with these changes.

The partisan Major always dislikes suggestions that the main parties are closer together than before. The *instincts* of many Tory and Labour MPs over the size of government certainly differ. But what he fails to acknowledge is how external constraints are narrowing the differences in what governments can do. After all, Mr Major explicitly rejected the minimalist state and accepted that the state should have responsibility not just for defence and the police, but also for "universal access to a taxpayer-funded health service and to provide every child with the choice of a state-funded education. And other areas are self-evident, such as the welfare safety net."

But, as Kenneth Clarke has repeatedly argued, the acceptance of these commitments makes it hard to reduce public spending much below 40 per cent. That is why more candid Tory, and now a few Labour, policymakers accept that alternative sources of finance will have to be found if the demand for high quality public services is to be satisfied without raising taxes. That is already occurring in pensions and higher education, but it will have to happen in other areas such as long-term care for the elderly, road tolls and education vouchers. The real debate should be about these issues, and welfare reform. The Tories do have a case. But spare us the moralising.

PETER RIDDELL

Major takes dig at Blair over moral high ground

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair last night fought for the "moral high ground" as the Prime Minister defined this as a key battleground in the run-up to the general election.

In a lecture in London last night, Mr Major put the case for tax cuts and a smaller state as he argued that governments should interfere less and allow people to take more responsibility for the money they spent. Seeking to underline a "sharp divide" with Labour, he argued that it was not moral to impose the social chapter, or the minimum wage.

But Mr Blair insisted that morality was about education, the homeless, the unemployed and safer streets, rather then taxation. It was not a question of how much should be spent, but on where it should go.

Mr Major claimed that there was a difference between the Tories' instinct to reduce the role of the state and Labour's instinct to expand it. Government should not meddle where it was not needed. "I don't want my personal choices made for me by the State. Nor do most people. 'Trust the people' is an old Conservative battle cry.

"It must be central to our future policies. We aim to regulate less of people's lives. So we aim to tax and spend an even smaller share of what people earn," he added.

Mr Major has been concerned that Mr Blair has repeatedly used the moral argument to boost his own theories and aides admitted the speech was a conscious attempt to redress this. "Moral is a word I usually prefer to leave to the Church but it is apt for what I intend to say," said Mr Major.

"For example, is it moral to take from individuals the right to make personal decisions? I think not. Is it moral to impose obligations on employers like the social chapter and the minimum wage that will cost jobs and prevent those without jobs from getting them? Again, I think not."

He added: "It is that moral view, just as much as economics, that leads me to the conviction that the state should progressively disengage and do less — but that what it does it should do well."

Mr Major tried to preempt criticism of tax cuts as election bribes and of the Tories as uncaring. "I reject the muddled thinking that says a smaller state must be uncaring. And I reject the thinking that equates big government with benevolent government."

He said that his main objective was still to bring public spending — now at 41 per cent of national wealth — down to below 40 per cent. He also reaffirmed that the Tories intended to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax.

In an earlier interview, Mr Blair said that he accepted the business of government was a moral issue, but he criticised Mr Major for focusing on tax. Mr Blair said that Britain was spending a large amount on welfare and social failure, but money was not being invested for the future.

"I agree those are moral issues, but the question is whether the Government has had the right approach to them for the past 16 or 17 years. I don't quite know what the word moral adds to the argument," he said. "I certainly believe it is a matter of great public interest as to whether we are spending money on the right things."

Mr Blair said that if the Tories were talking about moral resolve they should concentrate on education, unemployment, homelessness and making the streets safer.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said that people would be "astonished at the double standards of a Prime Minister who calls for the moral case for low tax yet was responsible for 22 tax rises".

MICHEL SPINGLER



French farmers protesting yesterday over paying for the disposal of dead cows

Brussels to study forecast that BSE will disappear

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE European Commission announced last night it was taking a second look at the Oxford study which found that "mad cow" disease would disappear naturally within five years.

The decision, welcomed by Downing Street and Agriculture Ministry officials, means that the Government could be persuaded today to draw back from a new confrontation with Brussels over beef. Ministers had been to announce today that they were abandoning the planned slaughter of 147,000 cows thought to be most at risk from BSE, it having been concluded that there was no chance of the move being endorsed by MPs. The cull was agreed after fears emerged that the human brain disease CJD could be linked to CJD.

Last night's conciliatory move from the Commission is likely to mean a "pause for thought", officials said. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, will argue at today's Cabinet committee meeting for a special effort to lift the ban on the export of Scottish beef. Farmers in Scotland feel they are being unfairly treated because many of their herds have no history of BSE.

Informed sources said that the Prime Minister and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, now accepted that it would be impossible to get the planned cattle cull through the Commons. Today they will welcome the fact that the Commission is looking again at the scientific evidence and express hope that it will eventually agree that the cull is no longer necessary.

The Commission's change of heart was designed to avoid a confrontational announcement in London today. Franz Fischler, the Commissioner for Agriculture, said that the Oxford study, which sets out a range of options for eradicating BSE, was a "serious" and "constructive" document.

Twenty-four hours earlier he had told Mr Hogg that it made no difference to the terms of the selective slaughter programme agreed with Mr Major at the European summit in Florence in June. Sir Leon Brittan had urged his fellow commissioners to look more closely at the details. The British commissioner said last night: "The Commission is not unsympathetic to Britain's predicament. It considers the Oxford study a constructive and serious piece of work and is anxious to pass it to the experts. The Commission is open-minded on the implications for the extended cull."

Motions from Tory grassroots vent fury at Europe

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TENSIONS over Europe dominate next month's Tory party conference agenda with the powers of the EU taking over from taxation as the priority issue of the rank-and-file for the first time.

All but a handful of the 200 motions submitted for the foreign affairs debate strongly support the Euro-sceptics in their battles to curb moves towards a federal Europe. Only a minority criticise the Euro-rebels for undermining the Prime Minister, according to the agenda which was published yesterday.

A motion from the Foreign Secretary's Edinburgh Pentlands association says: "This conference wishes to remind the Government that in 1973 the British people voted to join an economic union not a political one." Malcolm Rifkind will be replying to the debate.

Conservative Central Office strategists have deliberately timed the debate for the start of Wednesday's business so that it will not be carried live by BBC Television. Conference managers will attempt to stage-manage the debate by ensuring that the motion chosen is in praise of the Government's handling of foreign issues.

Even in the economic debate many of the 150 motions, most of which urge Kenneth Clarke to cut taxes before an election, Europe features with repeated criticism of any moves towards a single currency, which the Chancellor backs.

Many associations for the first time demand outright withdrawal from the EU. Others call for a repatriation of powers from Brussels and opting out from the European Court of Justice. One Tory Euro-sceptic MP said last night: "The activists are the true voice of the Conservative Party which the leadership will ignore at its peril."

The anticipated anger over BSE has not materialised. The rank-and-file turn their fire on the common agricultural policy in the food, farming and fisheries debate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Major rules out extra student fee

John Major has ruled out making students pay private tuition fees for higher education. University vice-chancellors are expected to propose a national fee system and much larger loans at their annual conference in Sheffield today. But Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said yesterday that she expected the Government to continue paying fees for full-time courses and her comments are believed to reflect the unshakeable view of the Prime Minister.

It is a clear signal to Sir Ron Dearing's committee of inquiry into the future of higher education. Labour leaders have also ruled out charging for tuition. A spokesman for the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals said: "Further expansion of higher education with quality cannot be achieved by Government subsidy alone."

Gold inquiry welcomed

Malcolm Rifkind yesterday welcomed the establishment by Switzerland of an official inquiry into its financial dealings with the Nazis during the Second World War. The Foreign Secretary said the gold transfers were a matter of considerable international interest. Officals in London denied that Britain planned to hand the 5,000kg of gold in the Bank of England over to Holocaust victims or their families instead of claimant governments.

McDonald's pulls out

Plans by Michael Portillo's constituency party to sell its offices in north London to McDonald's for a drive-through burger restaurant collapsed last night after the fast-food chain pulled out of the deal, citing "commercial reasons". The Defence Secretary had been criticised by constituents in Enfield Southgate after he refused to take sides in the disputed development. McDonald's said it would withdraw a planning application which had gone to appeal.

Training for judges

Senior judges as well as 30,000 magistrates are to undergo training as part of an expanded programme outlined by the Judicial Studies Board yesterday. The board plans to extend its training programme, which may include racial and "human awareness" courses, beyond circuit and district judges to include the 96 High Court judges. Lord Justice Henry, board chairman, said that not enough had been done in the training of the High Court judiciary.

Asda chief on Tory list

Archie Norman, the millionaire head of the Asda supermarket chain, has reached the shortlist of contenders seeking selection as the Tory candidate for Tunbridge Wells. The winner will be chosen tonight from Mr Norman, 42, Sarah Whitehouse, a barrister and Professor Philip Treleaven, a former Tory Euro-seat candidate.

☐ Roy Thomason, Tory MP for Bromsgrove, said last night that he will not seek reselection at the general election.

Church fights sex abuse

The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland is to make big changes in the way it deals with child sex abuse by priests. Church leaders said there would be "no cover-ups", any allegations being immediately referred to police and social services. Each of the eight dioceses will have one or two childcare officers whose telephone numbers will be widely publicised. An independent co-ordinator will have authority to contact outside agencies without consulting the Church.

Breakout trial halted

The trial of six men accused of breaking out of Whitemoor prison in Cambridgeshire two years ago was halted yesterday. Discharging the jury at Woolwich Crown Court, southeast London, Judge Maurice Kay said he had made the decision for "legal reasons". Peter Sherry, 31, Liam O'Duibhir, 34, Liam McCotter, 33, Gilbert McNamee, 36, Paul Magee, 48, and Andrew Russell, 34, all deny breaking out of prison and possessing a firearm.

Birds face tide of change

Migrating birds could be threatened by rising sea levels which will flood the estuaries on which they depend, a report claims. Millions of migrating waders and wildfowl use British estuaries to rest and feed on their way to and from northern breeding grounds. The Solway Firth and the Wash are among 15 sites around the world identified as being under threat in the report released in Britain yesterday by the World Wide Fund for Nature.

Princess

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nun who regularly works at the hospital among the terminally ill.

When she arrived on Evvoia, the Princess visited the parents of Mr Kaliviotis and then attended the funeral service at the village church.

Friends of the Princess said last night that she had first met Mr Kaliviotis, who died of cystic fibrosis, nearly two years ago while he was a patient at the Royal Brompton Hospital in southwest London. Officials of the Royal Brompton last night refused to confirm that the Princess had met Mr Kaliviotis there. "We operate an open visiting policy, and Diana has from time to time paid private visits to friends receiving treatment here. The Princess is always most welcome," a spokeswoman said.

The purpose of the Princess's journey was disclosed yesterday by the Athens newspaper *Eleftheros Typos*, which reported that Mr Kaliviotis had come to England for surgery, and the Princess had become interested in him. "When he returned to Greece she asked about his health, so when he lost his life she decided to come to the funeral," the newspaper said.

Five years ago the Princess flew from Balmoral to attend the funeral of Adrian Ward-Jackson, a former governor of the Royal Ballet, who died of Aids, aged 41. She had visited him six times in hospital during his final illness; before his death Mr Ward-Jackson had drawn up an invitation list for his own funeral, and had included the Princess.

Rethink on 'bad hair' campaign

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England is to review its advertising strategy after widespread criticism of the "bad hair day" Christmas campaign.

Two dioceses have banned the £22,000 campaign, condemning it as destructive and unintelligible. Church leaders are concerned that the Churches Advertising Network, which dreamt up the posters, is not accountable to the General Synod or any archbishop.

The Lichfield and Winchester dioceses are to boycott the posters, which feature three kings and have the slogan: "Bad hair day?! You're a virgin, you've just given birth and now three kings have shown up. Find out the happy ending at a church near you."

Church leaders are objecting because one of the kings wears a crucifix, even though Christmas occurred 30 years before the Crucifixion. The kings themselves are symbols of Epiphany, which takes place two weeks after Christmas.

In a letter to the Rev Richard Thomas, of the Churches Advertising Network, the Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev Michael Scott-Joynt, says that the poster had been rested in the diocese and found "inappropriate and unusable". He says colleagues had found it to be "simply crude, ridiculous and unintelligible".

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Lucan 'friend' recalls life of crime

I was the Raffles of 1960s, accused tells Old Bailey

BY RICHARD DUCE

A CONVICTED blackmailer accused of organising a £20 million kidnap and murder plot from his prison cell boasted yesterday that he was a modern-day Raffles who had used high-society connections to "liberate" *objets d'art* from the homes of the rich and famous.

Sacheverelle De Houghton happily admitted to an Old Bailey jury a string of past offences while depicting himself as a colourful criminal whose friends had included Lord Lucan and the club owner John Aspinall. But he denied having concocted the kidnapping and killing of a wealthy businessman.

At one stage De Houghton, 56, was asked about an appearance at Southwark Crown Court in 1984 for handling "a superb set" of prints. Turning to Judge Gordon, he said: "As I recall, your lordship was prosecuting on that occasion — when you were a lean and hungry lawyer." The judge replied: "As I recall, you pleaded guilty." De Houghton said: "I have always pleaded guilty because I don't believe in wasting the court's time. I have pleaded not guilty on this occasion because I am innocent."

De Houghton is accused of hatching a plot, while serving a prison sentence for blackmail, to kidnap a "phenomenally wealthy" businessman, known only as G, and to take him to a remote Scottish island. It is alleged that the man would then have been tortured and killed, but not before persuading his office to hand over £20 million.

De Houghton told the court: "My life in crime began when I came down from Oxford University. I took the Civil Service entrance exams and came in fourteenth nationally. Like a lot of bright young things from Oxford I joined the Foreign Office, which I soon regretted. At the time I was involved with the Lord Lucan and John Aspinall set and got heavily involved in gambling, playing roulette and blackjack, both at Oxford and in London.

"John Aspinall and I opened Crockfords in Mayfair together. Under the influence of Lucky Lucan I became a very good poker player. I won a lot of money. Unfortunately I lost a lot too. To my eternal regret I became involved in criminal matters to pay off my gambling debts." Continuing his criminal résumé, De Houghton described himself as a "deb's delight" who had often been invited to aristocratic parties in the early 1960s. "I would pull on a pair of black gloves and liberate the odd piece of jade. I was a sort of Raffles. I would drive around in a Rolls-Royce and liberate *objets d'art*. I liberated rather a lot of them."

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He said that from 1963 onwards he was in and out of prison but, by behaving himself, always got early parole. He described an alleged escapade in which he laundered £2.5 million stolen from a sheikh at Heathrow in 1977. "I managed to keep £250,000 for myself and served two and a half years. £100,000 a year wasn't bad money in 1977."

He claimed that he had used violence only once. That was during a blackmail plot in 1992, for which he is currently in prison, and which the prosecution alleges was the blueprint for his plot against the millionaire.

Explaining that offence, De Houghton said: "I lost £30,000 when the BCCI collapsed. I was setting up a deal of Russian icons and I just lost my sense of balance. I was under a great deal of financial pressure and I just flipped . . . I have felt a great sense of remorse ever since."

The prosecution alleges that De Houghton, serving ten years for the 1992 abduction offence, planned to murder Mr G by having him injecting him with heroin once the £20 million ransom had been secured. From his cell, De Houghton allegedly negotiated the purchase of a castle on the Hebridean island of Coll, where the businessman was to have been held.

The plot is said to have been uncovered after Everton Morrison, his alleged accomplice, approached an undercover policeman while searching for men to carry out the kidnap.

De Houghton denies conspiring with Mr Morrison to kidnap and murder. He also denies inciting Mr Morrison to kidnap and murder. The trial continues.

FIONA HANSON



The pop star Bjork said yesterday that she feared for the safety of her nine-year-old son after police intercepted an acid bomb addressed to her. Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch and the Royal Mail were alerted to the device by American police after a fan in Florida videotaped himself making the bomb and then committed suicide. American police said that the bomb could have killed. Speaking outside her home in west London, Bjork, 30, said: "I'm just very sad that a man has done that. I make music, but people shouldn't take me too literally and get involved in my personal life." Asked if she would be increasing her security, the Icelandic singer said she was more concerned for her son, Sindri, than for herself. Police near Miami found the body of Ricardo Lopez this week with a camera pointed at it. The tape inside recorded his suicide with the Bjork song *I Miss You* in the background.

Bomb sent to pop star

Queen's bodyguard faces sack for assault on driver

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE career of one of the Queen's police bodyguards lay in ruins last night after a jury convicted him of a "road rage" assault on a woman.

PC Stephen Dunsdon, 49, a member of Scotland Yard's Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Squad since 1983, will face a disciplinary board and dismissal from the force. His ten-minute fit of uncontrolled anger on a London street after a minor collision between two cars could also lead to freezing of the pension he was due to draw next year after 25 years' service.

The officer, who injured Carolyn Verguson, 22, when he flung open his car door and struck her as she tapped on his window to ask his name and number, was convicted of assault after a three-day trial at Southwark Crown Court.

Dunsdon, of New Ash Green, Kent, described in court as the "last line of defence" for the Royal Family, carried out armed corridor patrols outside royal bedrooms, including the Queen's, at the three London palaces. In 1983 he received a commendation when he disarmed a deranged man who had attacked a member of the royal household with a knife outside the gates of Buckingham Palace.

Judge Butler, QC, told Dunsdon that he had escaped a jail sentence by a "hair's breadth". But he said: "This assault will lead to your dismissal from the police force and as a consequence large financial loss." The judge ordered him to pay £500 compensation to his victim.

The officer was being driven to Buckingham Palace by his brother, PC Nicholas Dunsdon, when their 2CV Citroen gave a glancing blow to a Kia car containing three postal workers in The Highway, east London.



Richard: told friends he would take drugs

Head boy died using drugs in nightclub

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A SCHOOL head boy died four days after he apparently experimented with drugs for the first time, despite pleas from friends not to take the risk.

Detectives believe that Richard Mulkerrins, 17, may have taken Ecstasy after disappearing for 20 minutes during a rave at Blondz nightclub in Plymouth. Friends saw the A-level student and promising sculptor emerge from the lavatories delirious and disoriented at midnight on Friday.

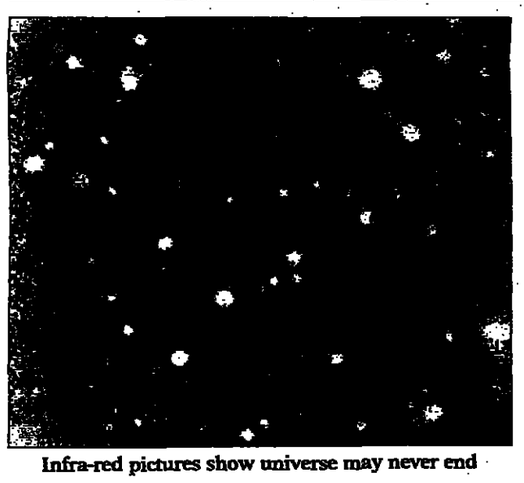
He collapsed soon afterwards and was taken to hospital, where his liver and kidneys failed. He died on Tuesday morning in an ambulance on his way to a liver transplant operation at King's College Hospital in London.

Three friends at Stoke Damerel Community College in Plymouth told police that, while queueing for the rave, the athletic, powerfully built student told them that he intended to try amphetamines on his first night out for two and a half months.

Detective Inspector Norman Brown, of Devon and Cornwall Police, said: "From our inquiries it is clear Richard was not a drug user. It looks as if this is a case of someone experimenting for the first time. His friends have told me they spoke about recent drug deaths and, in particular, about the case of Leah Betts and told him it was silly to try drugs. But obviously he did not listen."

It is unclear if Richard took Ecstasy or amphetamines but, as an inexperienced user, he would not have known the difference, Mr Brown said. A week earlier a girl was arrested at the same nightclub with 150 Ecstasy tablets.

Richard's mother, Teresa, 36, said she believed that dealers at the club had forced him to take drugs or had spiked his drinks.



Infra-red pictures show universe may never end

Ancient galaxies promise endless future

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

GALAXIES formed much earlier than previously supposed, astronomers at Durham University have discovered. By studying with three telescopes the most distant galaxies, they conclude that galaxy formation took place when the universe was about 20 to 30 per cent of its present age.

The result tends to support the idea that the universe is "open" — that is, contains too little matter to prevent it expanding for ever. The astronomers responsible are reluctant to accept this conclusion, which runs counter to their preferred cosmological theories.

The team of Nigel Metcalfe, Tom Shanks, Ana Campos, Dick Fong and Jon Gardner have examined images of the faintest galaxies ever seen, taken by the Hubble space telescope and by two ground-based instruments, the William Herschel telescope in the Canaries and the UK Infrared Telescope in Hawaii.

These images show countless faint galaxies, which tend to be blue, suggesting that they contain newly formed stars. Older collections of stars tend to be red.

The Durham team used information about the colour of the galaxies to estimate their red-shift — the amount by which their light spectrum is shifted in wavelength — and hence how far away they are. In *Nature*, they report that the faint blue galaxies are at a red-shift of 2, which implies they are very far away indeed. The light from them has taken about 10 billion years to reach us.

The implications of the finding are that the bulk of the galaxies and the stars they contain formed early in the history of the universe, perhaps three to five billion years after the Big Bang.

To a simple observer, admits Dr Shanks, that suggests that the universe does not really contain as much matter as he would like. "If there was a lot of matter, then it would have gone on clumping and forming galaxies right up to the present day," he says. "That doesn't appear to have happened."

The data suggest that there was only enough matter to form galaxies early on and that it later became so spread out that it could no longer clump into them. But that in turn implies that there will not be enough matter around to slow down and reverse the universe's expansion, which will go on for ever.

For a variety of reasons — some of them, Dr Shanks admits, almost metaphysical — cosmologists prefer a model in which there is just enough matter eventually to stop expansion. "I have the usual cosmologist's bias towards this model and would like it to be true," he says. The evidence of this study is, however, far from conclusive. There are a number of ways in which the data could be massaged to fit the preferred model.

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Gift to Wallace Collection will help London's 'hidden jewel' to renovate building and attract public

Anonymous benefactor gives £2.5m to art gallery

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

AN ANONYMOUS donor has given £2.5 million to the Wallace Collection, enabling the London gallery to seek a lottery grant for expansion in the knowledge that it already possesses its required share of the costs.

The museum wants to transform the basement of Hertford House in Manchester Square into galleries, a public library and a lecture theatre; a courtyard will become a sculpture garden with a restaurant. The scheme will cost £10 million, but the gallery is now in the happy position of already having the 25 per cent of funds it must contribute if the grant is approved. The gallery, one of the art world's better-kept secrets, hopes that the scheme will help it to attract more visitors.

The gift has been made through Christie's. Two months ago, an "important" client approached the chairman, Lord Hindlip, for advice on which of three national institutions he should choose to make a donation. Lord Hindlip suggested the Wallace, partly because it was where he first developed his own passion for art.

A collection he described as "London's hidden jewel" boasts important French, Dutch and Italian Masters, including Fragonard, Rembrandt, Rubens and Titian. Many visitors head straight for Frans Hals's *Laughing Cavalier*. Other exhibits include gold boxes, miniatures and one of England's finest collections of armour.

The collection was formed between 1802 and 1875 by three Marquesses of Hertford and by the 4th Marquess's illegitimate son, Sir Richard Wallace. His French widow bequeathed it to Britain in 1897. Many of the works were acquired at Christie's. A stipulation was that the collection could never be mixed with other works of art or loaned elsewhere.

The cash will enable the Wallace Collection to redevelop cramped basement rooms. There will, for example, be an education centre. The gallery has developed activities for schools, but at present has nowhere to put them. It also aims to establish a library with archives available to the public.

A courtyard will be covered with a glass roof, turning it into a sculpture garden and restaurant-café that can be hired out to generate funds for the museum; already, the Wallace hires out galleries, raising £130,000 a year.

The plans will not interfere with the main galleries, which remain sacrosanct, according to Rosalind Savill, the director. She said: "The museum's regulars will not be upset, much as some would prefer it to remain their secret haven. The plans will only enhance the building, making it more accessible. I want it to have a higher profile."

Ms Savill intends to increase visitor figures from 165,000 a year to 250,000; admission will remain free. Facilities for disabled people, which she admitted were "lousy", will be created.

The renovated building should be completed by 2000, the hundredth anniversary of the Wallace Collection opening to the public.

CHRIS HARRIS



The Wallace's galleries, with their hundreds of Old Masters, will not be altered in the £10 million expansion scheme, but the director hopes to attract many more visitors



Rosalind Savill with a bust of Lady Wallace

Woman in knife attack is sent to Broadmoor

By Richard Duce

AN UNEMPLOYED woman who went berserk at her local jobcentre and stabbed four people was sent to Broadmoor indefinitely by an Old Bailey judge yesterday.

Women and children fled screaming as the woman ran amok. One bystander was left with a 10in kitchen knife embedded in his skull. After a judge ordered that Pearline Ayton, 28, be detained indefinitely at the secure mental hospital, it emerged that two of her victims were so badly affected by the attack nine months ago that they had been unable to return to work.

Ayton was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia when she armed herself with four knives and five screwdrivers and attacked public and staff at the jobcentre in Bexleyheath, southeast London.

Mark Dennis, for the prosecution, described how people threw chairs at the powerfully built woman in an attempt to stop her after she stabbed Simon Bridge, 25, through the back of the head as he stood in a queue. The knife was embedded until he went to hospital.

After stabbing a woman with a screwdriver she went upstairs and attacked two employees. One man had an artery in his arm severed before Ayton was arrested by police.

Ayton, who admitted four charges of wounding, was ordered to be detained indefinitely under the Mental Health Act.

After the hearing Kent police said that most members of staff at the jobcentre had needed counselling for post-traumatic stress.

MoD bans radiation surveys of A-plants

By Ian Murray
Community Correspondent

THE Ministry of Defence has refused permission for an aerial survey of radiation levels above two atomic weapons plants, despite fears that emissions may be linked to leukaemias in children living near by.

Newbury District Council commissioned an independent survey of its area after reports that the Pentagon and MoD had hushed up reports of a radiation leak after an accident to an atomic bomber at Greenham Common airbase 35 years ago.

The £250,000 survey by Southampton University began yesterday with a flight over the former US base. The entire council area should be monitored by a helicopter that flies at a height of 200 feet in bands 300 feet apart to collect the material needed.

The MoD has refused permission for low level flights above the Aldermaston and Burghfield atomic weapons establishments. The council was told that the helicopter could fly to the edge of the perimeter fences at low level but would have to climb to 2,000 feet above the bases. This would be too high to be of any use.

The results of the survey are expected to be published in February. The council said that without the aerial samples it would be impossible to prove that radiation levels in the area were safe.

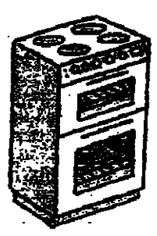
The MoD said it had banned the flights to avoid any chance of an accident, adding: "We consider the information which could be gained to be so small as not to justify the risk."



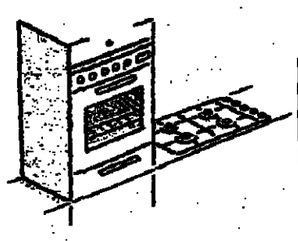
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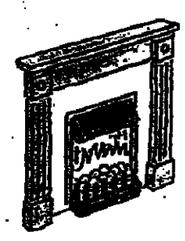
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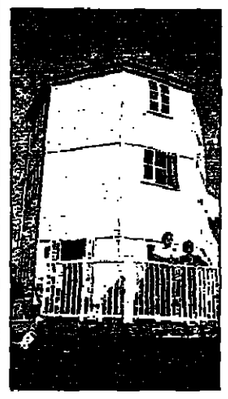
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Prime Ministers get best gossip from Old Stripey

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

DOWNING STREET'S most coveted store of secrets is about to be revealed as "Old Stripey", a tattered blue box with a red band that contains the nation's espionage intelligence and "juiciest" scandals.

Cabinet ministers have to make do with red boxes, but John Major also has Old Stripey sent to him most nights from the Secret Service. The material is so confidential that only he and his Principal Private Secretary are allowed to see it.

Margaret Thatcher always read the box first "because it had the juicy stuff in it" and was better than *The Sun*, according to Lord Armstrong, her former private secretary. The material compiled by MI5 and MI6 "wasn't just intelligence, but other highly confidential and personal stuff".

Downing Street refused to discuss Old Stripey last night, but the existence of the box is revealed in a new BBC documentary, *How To Be A Prime Minister*, which gives tips from former premiers on how to cope with life at the top. It will be shown on BBC2 on Sunday night.

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the former Labour Prime Minister, says in the programme that Tony Blair would struggle as Prime Minister because he had no ministerial experience: "I found ministerial experience invaluable. It teaches you all the tricks the departments are going to try. They either want to deceive you into doing nothing or doing something that shouldn't be done."

Lady Thatcher says that it is necessary to be intimidating and "one must always be on the job. There's not much point being a weak, floppy thing in a chair, is there?" She advises that all you need to run the country is "six good strong men and true". Unfortunately, she adds, she never found six at one time.

Sir Charles Powell, a former senior aide, describes her style as "Leninist — the nice side of Lenin, let's say, not the ideology, but the absolute determination". Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, says that she was brilliant at using feminine charms.

The former Prime Ministers say that the Queen is a wonderful agony aunt whom they loved. Only Lady Thatcher did not fall for her and is thought to have hated going for "eats and sleeps" at Windsor Castle.

Lord Callaghan said: "Being Prime Minister is a lonely task. There are things you have to keep to yourself — your personal life and relations with other Cabinet colleagues. The Queen was always very interested in that kind of relationship and one could unburden oneself to her."

Having interviewed Prime Ministers over the past 15 years, the reporter Michael Cockerell says that they all become isolated, dictatorial and increasingly bizarre by the end. Harold Wilson evidently wanted to assassinate Idi Amin at the height of his dictatorial rule in Uganda, according to his former press secretary, Joe Haines.

They all agree that it is worth applying for the job, but occupants cannot expect more than five hours' sleep and have to learn to camap. Lord Callaghan said that becoming Prime Minister was "a religious sensation, a very profound feeling".

Sir Edward Heath said: "All a Prime Minister must do is remember to keep his head. Quite simple." He received letters from angry women saying: "Don't you understand that we elect you and we pay you to work seven days a week, 24 hours a day and yet we see that last Saturday you were sailing."

Country folk turned off by TV soap village plan

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A FILM-SET village for a television soap opera is being planned on greenbelt land at the country estate of the Queen's cousin Lord Harewood despite fierce opposition from environmentalists and residents.

Leeds planning committee has approved the building of a replica of Esholt, the real village where much of the Yorkshire TV serial *Emmerdale* is recorded, in the grounds of Harewood House, seven miles north of Leeds. But the councillors have left the final word with John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, by referring their decision to his department.

Jerry Pearlman, national solicitor of the Ramblers' Association, said: "I am astonished. The greatest asset of Leeds is its green belt and their planning policy, such as it is, seems determined to ruin it. The only justification would seem to be putting money in the pocket of the landowner."

Clive Fox, of the Leeds branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "This is a straightforward commercial venture and in our view there is no special circumstances which would warrant an exception. I'm sure we will be urging Mr Gummer to call a public inquiry."

YTV has used Esholt, between Leeds and Bradford, for many years for its exterior shots of Beckindale, the fictional village of the series. But the stone-built main street has become crowded with tourists. Usually the street is cleared while filming takes place and Yorkshire TV is worried about problems when the twice-weekly programme starts broadcasting three times a week in the New Year.



Harewood House: film set would be in the grounds

Two farms at Lord Harewood's 4,000-acre estate are already used in the show. The producers want to convert a barn and cottage there and incorporate them into a copy of Main Street, Esholt, complete with the famous Woolpack pub, post office, cricket pavilion and church.

Residents in the village of Harewood, which is on the busy A61 near the entrance to the house, fear they may become another crowded Esholt. Zoe White, 20, a nanny, said: "Children I look after already wake up when juggernauts go past. Last summer we had Yorkshire Water tankers thunder by. The last thing we need is an *Emmerdale* set and tourists in their cars coming here to see it."

Another resident, Jo Howard, 52, said: "The A61 is a nightmare as it is. This can only make matters worse."

However, Erica Cheetham, spokesman for the Harwood Trust, which runs the estate, said: "It is not the intention of *Emmerdale* or ourselves that the film site should become a tourist attraction like Granada Studios. Tourism is not the primary aim of filming at Harewood. There are no plans to allow visits to the site."

She said that film crews would have access to the set via a private road. "This does not involve Harewood village or the A61 and will lead to no increase in traffic from TV crews."

Yorkshire TV said that the estate offered the advantages of seclusion and security. Filming in Esholt had become extremely difficult because of the many visitors, who were encouraged by Bradford Tourist Authority.

The plan was welcomed by people in Esholt. Joan Routledge, 61, said: "I'm sick of the hangers-on who keep coming here to see The Woolpack. They come to get a glimpse of the actors, clogging up roads and choking the place in summer. It's a Godsend the show might be moving."

Another resident, Joe Rimmer, 45, said: "It's a pity because it put Esholt on the map. But give someone else a decade of uninvited guests, that's what I say."

The series, which has run for 23 years, began as a simple story of Yorkshire dales folk, but its ratings leapt after new scriptwriters turned the fictional village into a hotbed of sex and intrigue worthy of *Dallas* or *Peyton Place*.

YORKSHIRE TV



Hotbed of intrigue: Johnny Leeze, left, Roberta Kerr and Ian Kelsey in the Yorkshire TV series *Emmerdale*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cantona is told to pay damages for assault

Eric Cantona was ordered by a judge to pay £350 damages yesterday to a salesman who said that the footballer assaulted him outside an hotel in Chester.

Tom Doyle, 38, said that he was grabbed, slapped and scratched by Cantona after he and other Manchester United players had attended a race meeting in May 1994. District Judge David Gee made his ruling in chambers at Liverpool County Court after hearing evidence from Mr Doyle and counsel for Cantona, who did not attend court.

Mr Doyle had turned down £1,000 offered by Cantona without admission of liability. A solicitor for the 30-year-old footballer said that he strenuously denied the allegation.

Bondi charge

A second man was charged in connection with the death of a British tourist at Bondi Beach, Sydney. Sean Cushman, 22, is accused of being an accessory. His friend Aaron Martin, 22, is already accused of murdering Brian Hagland, 28, from London.

Pilot bales out

An RAF pilot parachuted into the sea moments before his Jaguar jet plunged into the sea off the coast of Moray. He was rescued by helicopter and given a medical check-up back at RAF Lossiemouth. He had reported a mechanical failure in the aircraft.

Channel 5 delay

The launch of Channel 5 has been delayed by a month until February 5 next year because nine million video recorders have still to be retuned. Fewer than a million have been retuned so far. The channel should be available to about 80 per cent of homes.

Boy in cliff fall

A teenage boy suffered only minor cuts and bruises after falling down a 40ft cliff. Graham Scott, 13, and Mark McQueen, his friend, were cycling along the cliff edge near South Shields when Graham lost his balance. He landed on a beach.

Killer driver

A driver who had been disqualified 15 times was jailed for five years for killing Julia Wickenden, 22, a medical student, as she cycled to her home in Liverpool. Warren Thomas, 22, of Liverpool, admitted causing death by dangerous driving.

Drug boat arrests

Two Dutchmen were arrested on a beach in Suffolk after unloading 150 kilograms of cannabis resin from a dinghy. Police were alerted after a man in a diving suit was seen emerging from the water. The men are due to appear before Lowestoft magistrates today.

Drink alert

Alcoholic lemonades will set off an electronic alert at Sainsbury's checkouts as a signal to staff to check the buyer's age. The measures are being introduced after the managers of a store in York lost their drink licence because of under-age sales.

CORRECTION

A report (September 16) on barristers' pay named a number of silks said to be earning more than £1 million a year. We have been asked to make clear that, whereas those listed are judged to be the country's top ten all-round barristers, by no means all are in the £1 million-plus earning category.

Modern way of life blamed for increase in eye disease

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

MODERN ways of life might be to blame for an increase in an incurable eye disease which leads to blindness, scientists say. Loss of sight caused by macular degeneration, in which the cell layer behind the retina begins to rot, has doubled since the 1950s and now affects more than 500,000 people in this country.

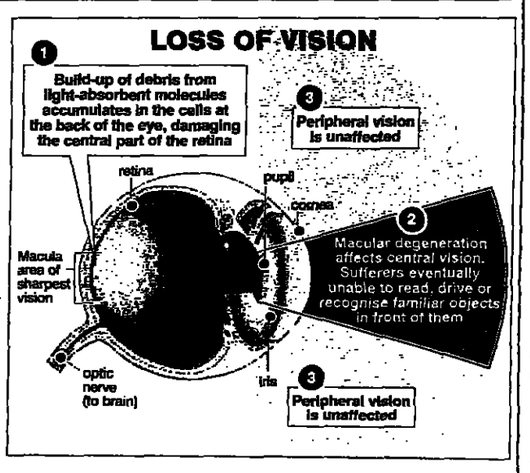
There are believed to be genetic factors, but researchers at the Institute of Ophthalmology in London say aspects of 20th century living — including pollution, industrial or household chemicals, and diet — could play an important role. Alan Bird, Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology and an expert on the condition, said the disease had not existed in Japan 20 years ago but was now the commonest cause of blindness in urban Japan.

Professor Bird is to lead studies in urban and rural areas of England, Spain, Italy and Holland of the role of genes and the environment. Similar studies are to be done in Japan. A pilot survey in southern Italy showed that the condition was much less common than in inner London, despite the subjects' genetic similarity. The southern Italians' way of life was completely different, he said. They didn't shop at supermarkets, and they grew their own food.

Macular degeneration is caused by the build-up of debris in the cells at the back of the eye, damaging the central part of the retina but leaving side vision unaffected.

One theory is that the increased use of plastics in the west has resulted in the migration into food of chemicals called polyphenols which affect the process of cell breakdown and renewal. Professor Bird said: "I have no evidence that plasticisers or polyphenols are involved, but if there is an environmental factor it must be ubiquitous."

He was speaking at a meeting to announce a £5.3 million expansion of the institute, part-funded with a £3.3 milion grant from the medical charity Fight for Sight, which will double its laboratory space. The rest of the money will come from the trustees of Moorfields Eye Hospital.



QE2 sails in with 15-ton passenger

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE cruise liner *QE2* docked in Lisbon harbour with a 15-ton fin whale impaled on her bow. The accident was described by the ship's captain yesterday as "the marine equivalent of running over a cat".

The 60ft whale remained pinned to the ship's bow by the tide and rescue workers had to wait for the current to change before it could be towed clear of the liner's icebreaker. A crane was used to winch the carcass from the water.

Captain Keith Stanley, *QE2*'s master, said the whale would have been hit on Sunday night as the ship sailed from Cadiz to Lisbon. "I have been at sea for 40 years and have never come across anything like it before," he said. "Normally whales get out of the way. This one may have already been dead when we struck it, or it may have been ailing."

He said the whale had not been noticed before *QE2* put into port because shuddering from the 70,000-ton ship made it difficult to feel an impact, even with something as substantial as a whale. Lisbon port authorities hope that the skeleton will end up in a museum.

Dr David George, a marine biologist at the Natural History Museum in London, said 15 tons was extremely light for a 60ft fin whale. "The mammal was probably ill," he said.

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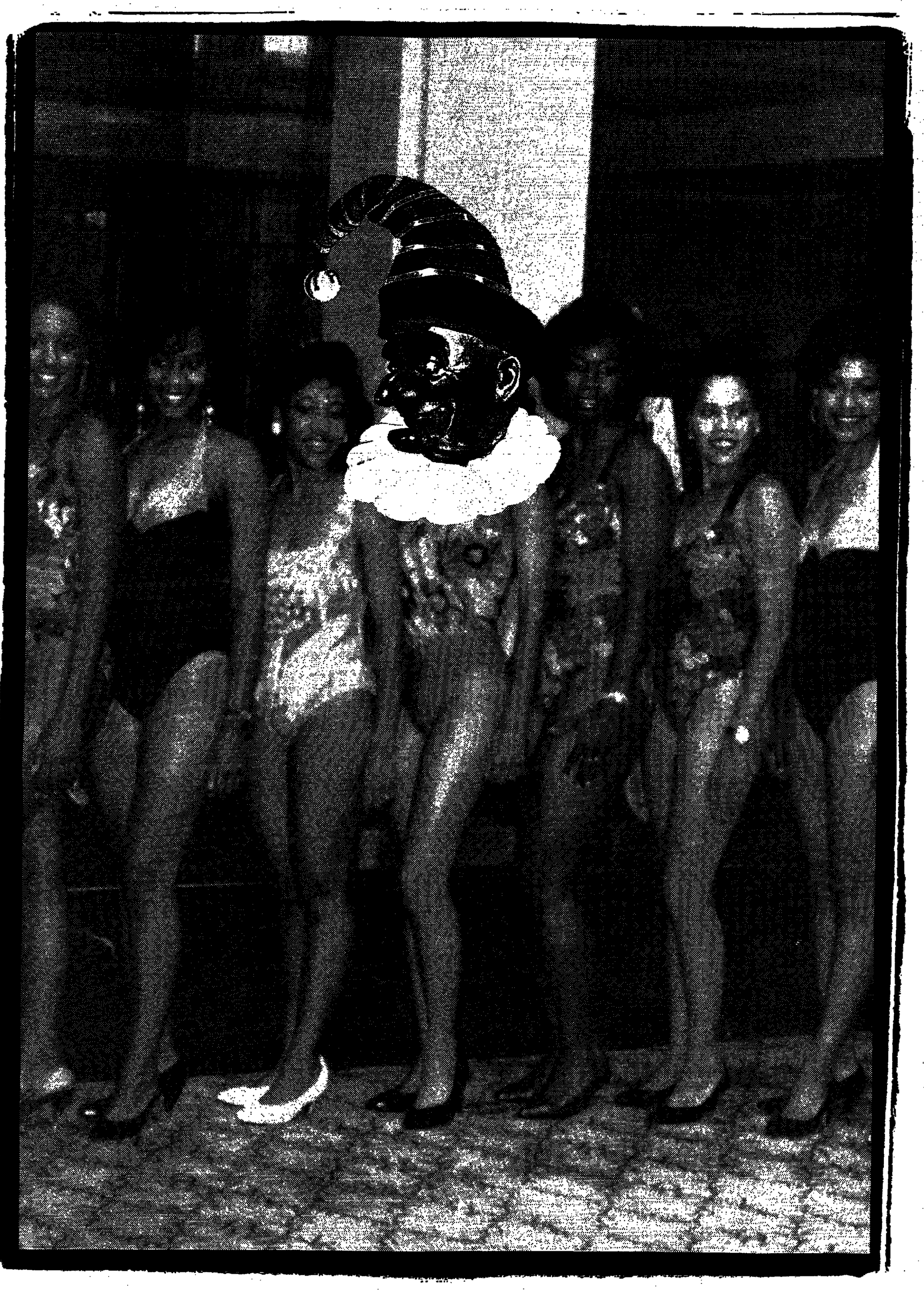
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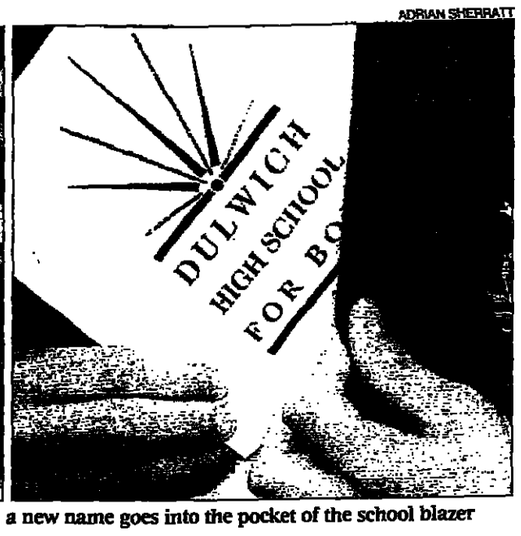
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School that Harman rejected is relaunched in blazer glory

By Bill Frost



ADRIAN SHERRATT



Dealing with the fallout of the Harman row: the headmaster Lloyd Marshall with some of his pupils. Right, a new name goes into the pocket of the school blazer

A FAILING inner London comprehensive snubbed by a Labour frontbencher was turning away badly dressed pupils yesterday as staff and governors "reinvented" the school with the help of a public relations firm.

It was the day that the William Penn school vanished from view, along with its almost unparalleled reputation for underachievement. In its place was the Dulwich High School for Boys. Some of the children were not yet ready to change their own image.

The first victim of the makeover was an inappropriately shod youth. He said: "They told me to go home because the press are here this morning and I've got me trainers on. They weren't bothered before. What's so special about today?"

Teachers were taking no chances. More than £100,000 has been spent on refurbishment in advance of the relaunch. Once the photographers arrived, staff patrolled the playground to break up fights and to prevent children without blazers from posing for the cameras. Only the well turned-out were allowed to perform. The south London school's remodelling and new dress code follow an acrimonious row over Labour's education policy that simmered for much of the year after Harriet Harman, the opposition health spokeswoman, decided not to send her son to William Penn.

Aware that the local state school's academic reputation was poor, Ms Harman chose the selective St Olave's Grammar in Orpington, Kent — ten miles from her inner London constituency and a whole world away in examination results.

This put the frontbencher at odds with leftwingers in her party and enabled the Tories to cry hypocrisy. The controversy simmered on for much of the year and Tony Blair has recently admitted that failing to anticipate the consequences was one of his biggest mistakes.

In the fallout, the comprehensive was demonised by the press, further damaging William Penn's appalling reputation. Last year the comprehensive was declared to be failing by the inspection body Ofsted. Last year's GCSE results showed only 9 per cent of pupils achieving reasonable grades.

The £100,000-plus cost of its transformation has included new computers, more books for the library and redecoration. So it was that William Penn became Dulwich High School for Boys after governors agreed that an undisclosed sum should be paid to the Knightsbridge-based Shandwick Communications to mastermind the rechristening.

Lloyd Marshall, the headmaster, said that Ms Harman's snub had dented the school's image. He said: "We were put in a very difficult position.

"There is no doubt a lot of harm was done. William Penn became known as the school that she rejected for her son's education. That was really damaging and caused us a lot of trouble."

Steel drums and thundering bass guitar summoned the head's guests to the school hall, where mute and well-scrubbed pupils had gathered under the watchful eye of prefects. As the school band — which played at a Buckingham Palace garden party this summer — made the walls vibrate, teachers stood by to "supervise" any press interviews with the boys.

Scott Loader, 12, was baffled by the name change. "It'll always be William Penn to me and everyone else here.

"I don't know what they're on about — seems a bit daft really," he said, before a member of staff stepped in to halt the conversation.

On an overhead walkway, a burly teacher intervened as three large boys began to scuffle. "No fighting. Not today, anyway," he said.

John Harrison, a spokesman for Southwark Borough Council, said that the decline in demand for places long predated the Harman affair. "We suffered falling rolls and poor exam results for some time.

"The publicity didn't help but the political controversy wasn't the only reason for the relaunch.

"We are coming up to that period when parents make the choice about which secondary school their children should attend. We want to send out the message that Dulwich High has a lot to offer."

Lurking in a corner of the playground, two boys prevented from posing for photographers for alleged scruffiness were not impressed by the relaunch. "This is just a place you have to come to for the day," said one. "I don't want to be here and they probably don't want to teach me either."

His friend agreed. "The teachers try their best, but what's the point? It's not that I don't want to learn, but everything seems so far away from real life on the street."

Shephard orders new teachers to learn old methods

By John O'Leary, Education Editor



Shephard: declared that colleges had failed

NEW teachers are to be schooled in traditional educational methods, Gillian Shephard announced yesterday. She said that it had become increasingly obvious that colleges and university departments were failing to give trainees the skills they required.

The Education Secretary, announcing the first national training curriculum for primary teachers, to be introduced next year, said: "The need for improvement is urgent." She hoped that the curriculum would round off the Government's programme of educational reform. Institutions which failed to meet the standards would lose accreditation.

Training for secondary teachers in the core subjects of English, mathematics and science will be laid down from 1998. There will be new benchmarks for in-service training and separate qualifications for heads of department and head teachers.

Teacher training has become a favourite target of critics of so-called progressive classroom methods. Although Conservative Governments have introduced a series of reforms, the new curriculum will be the first to lay down what trainees must learn. Priority will be given to ensuring that new teachers can impart English and mathematics.

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, who will monitor implementation of the curriculum, said the plans were a victory for pragmatism. "If we can demonstrate that children are learning to read more effectively with these methods, then teachers are going to recognise that their previous antipathy to these methods was misplaced."

Mrs Shephard dismissed Labour's charge that her announcements acknowledged the failure of previous reforms. She claimed the support of head teachers and newly qualified staff for tighter controls. The curriculum would cover trainees' knowledge of their subject, the standards they could expect of pupils and methods of teaching and assessment. Details will be announced early next year.

Head teachers welcomed the initiative, although expressing disappointment that the trainees' probationary year had not been reinstated. Teachers' unions were united in their opposition.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said: "If this is a gimmick for voters, the Government should beware. Our own independent public opinion poll result shows that nine out of ten people do not believe politicians should tell teachers how to teach."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, accused Mrs Shephard of playing politics with teacher training. "This is an attempt to placate the right wing of the Tory party. It is taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut."

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that no single approach to teaching should be promoted above others. "The Secretary of State must guard against the national curriculum for teacher training becoming a stalking horse for promoting the obsessions of the Government's far right policy advisers."

☐ Preparatory schools claim a huge lead over state primary schools in their first analysis of national curriculum test results. A sample of results from 235 schools belonging to the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools show that more than 90 per cent of 11-year-olds reached the standard in English, compared with 56 per cent in state schools; 89 per cent in mathematics compared with 53 per cent; and 93 per cent in science against 62 per cent.

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Toddler quits playgroup and walks home alone

By Lin Jenkins

A MOTHER has lodged a complaint after her daughter, aged 2½, wandered out of an open door at her playgroup and walked home nearly half a mile along a main road.

Half an hour after Sandra Golding had dropped Nicola off, she heard a knock at the door and the cry of "Mummy". Standing on the doorstep was the girl, only partly dressed, with her shorts in her hand.

"I was sitting there thinking that Nicola was safe and sound when the next thing I knew there was a knock at the door. I looked around expecting someone to be with her. I just could not believe it." Mrs Golding, 36, said.

The road between their home and the playgroup, at Snodland Community Centre, Kent, is busy with traffic. A ditch runs along one side and there are flooded quarries on the other side.

Nicola's father Cyril, a plant operator at a paper mill, said he was astonished that his daughter had not come to harm. "In many ways we are just lucky that a tragedy did not take place.

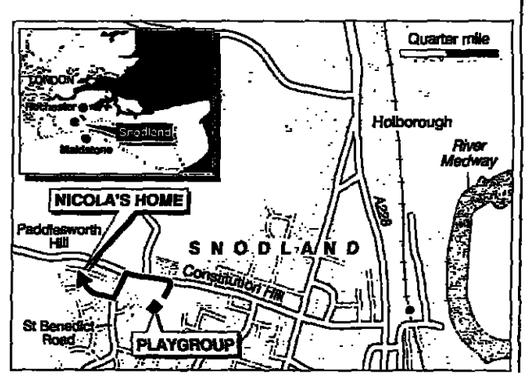
"I am amazed that she did not get hit by a car near the entrance to the community centre, let alone when she was walking along the road back here. How on earth was she able to get out of the nursery without someone noticing? Surely when you are dealing with youngsters of that age you do not leave doors open?"

Nicola was on her fourth visit to the playgroup. She had asked to go the lavatory and went unsupervised. She left the building through a door that had probably been left unlocked by a cleaner.

Kent County Council's education department has begun an inquiry and visited the playgroup yesterday. The group, which registered with the council in November 1987 and is supervised by Julie Garden and Sheila Graham, issued a statement saying: "We regret what happened and a full investigation is under way."

On the morning Nicola left undetected there were 13 children and three adults in the room at the community centre. The playgroup is licensed for 26. A council spokesman said that the inspector would probably make recommendations about security. He would also visit the Goldings.

Nicola will not be returning to the playgroup. Mrs Golding said: "It is a great shame because while all this is going on she is missing out. Now I cannot bear to let Nicola out of my sight. She does not seem to realise what has happened, which is probably for the best."



University instructs police in life of crime

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

INSPECTOR MORSE might approve of the idea, if not the venue. Cambridge University is launching academic courses to train tomorrow's chief constables in the workings of the criminal mind.

The university's Institute of Criminology is providing a two-week course, to be launched tomorrow, as part of the strategic command course which all senior officers must attend. They can then extend it into a one-year diploma course or expand their work to a two-year master's degree.

Forty officers on the current strategic command course, run by the Police Staff College at Bramshill, Hampshire, are starting the course. Twenty-four have also opted to continue part-time for the diploma. Only police officers can take the courses, which include an 18,000-word thesis for the master's degree.

The Cambridge academics will teach them the theory of crime-solving. Professor Anthony Buttons, head of the institute, said: "We can offer officers an insight into the latest criminological research and encourage them to concentrate on strategic skills in crime management."

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Lib Dems temper education plans

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

THE Liberal Democrats admitted yesterday that their ambitions to improve education services would have to be scaled down, to keep within their envisaged spending programme.

The party has made education policy its top priority, pledging that, if in power, it would raise income taxes by a penny, if necessary, to fund improvements. However, senior figures concede that not all the party's objectives could be funded out of the extra £2 billion that it had said would be allocated to education, and that some plans would take more than one Parliament to implement.

The tougher line, set out in the party's latest education policy paper, published yesterday, is aimed at countering Tory accusations that its education proposals are unaffordable, and to put pressure on Labour to disclose the costs of its own education plans.

The Liberal Democrats insisted that teachers could not expect pay rises above inflation unless they took on extra duties or showed outstanding performance. It has not included higher teachers' pay among its top priorities, but calls for the Teachers' Pay Review Body to award "fair and just increases" after "assessing the need for improved salaries and pay structures".

Top of the party's list are education for three- and four-year-olds, if parents want it; smaller primary classes; and spending on books, equipment and teacher-training. The party also reaffirmed its commitment to improving further and higher education, to spending £500 million on school repairs and giving every adult the opportunity to retrain or return to education.

The Liberal Democrats have already indicated that, if they held the balance of power after the general election, they would argue strongly for improved education services.

Boy, 17, died after taking pure heroin

By Russell Jenkins

A TEENAGER involved in the London club scene died after taking a lethal concoction of heroin and cocaine at a late-night drugs party in his family's home.

Elias Fawcett, 17, the son of a senior journalist on the *Economist*, had everything to live for, Westminster Coroner's Court was told yesterday. He had just ended his A levels, his weekly rave in a Notting Hill club was a success and he was a singer in an emerging rock band.

After a night of partying, drinking and drug-taking early last month, he could not resist the offer from a drug pusher posing as a friend to try a drug that would give him the ultimate "high". It turned out to be uncut heroin.

Elias's body was found the next day. André Desvignes, 22, one of the party-goers, was found unconscious near by. He is still in a coma.

Verdict: death from opiate and cocaine intoxication.

Judge jails witnesses by mistake

TWO witnesses in a court case were held in cells overnight after a judge signed warrants for their arrest by mistake.

Brothers Darren and Adrian Bell were locked up for 14 hours at Brentwood, Essex, when the Recorder, John Wardlow, authorised the warrants prepared by court staff instead of witness orders. He made his mistake after a defence barrister asked him to sign the summonses to ensure that the two, from Kelvedon Hatch, Essex, arrived to give their evidence in court the next day.

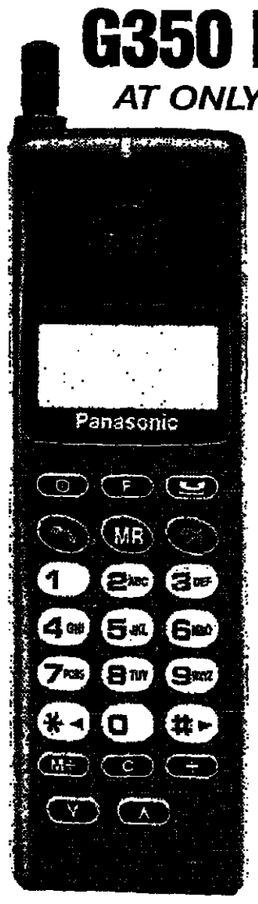
When they were brought into the witness box at Basildon Crown Court they received an apology from the judge and were advised that they may have a claim for unlawful detention.

The Lord Chancellor's Department said: "Two witnesses hadn't turned up, so the judge signed an arrest warrant by mistake instead of a witness summons. The police therefore arrested both men."

Legal sources said the current rate for unlawful detention in similar circumstances was about £200 an hour.

Essex Police said: "Apparently the two witnesses had not turned up to give evidence and we were asked by the Crown Court liaison office to arrest two men to ensure their attendance."

The defence said that neither man was in a fit state to give evidence and the case was adjourned. Ultimately neither was called to the witness box.

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Downing St opens door to charter inspectors

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR is to open the doors of 10 Downing Street to inspectors who will award his office a performance rating under the Citizen's Charter.

The rest of Whitehall and government agencies will also be scrutinised after the publication today of a White Paper on what senior officials are now calling "Sir Humphrey's Charter". Departments of state will be told to shed their faceless image and to improve their contact with the public.

The inspections are expected to create keen competition between the senior mandarins, with departmental league tables showing the performance of each office. The standards will apply to all public agencies, from the Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace to the Meat and Livestock Commission.

By encouraging a greater understanding of the grey labyrinth of government, ministers believe that the public will feel more in touch with the bureaucrats whose decisions affect their lives.

Roger Freeman, the Public Services Minister, has agreed that from January 1 next year any letters to ministers or officials should be answered within 20 days. Callers will be directed to a central inquiry point, rather than being passed from pillar to post.

Anyone wishing to visit a department or official will be offered a firm appointment. A formal mechanism will deal with complaints, and government forms are to be tested on a cross-section of the public to ensure that they are written in simple language that anyone can understand.

To prepare for this new climate in Whitehall a committee of officials has been set up to discuss the changes, and a seminar to train officials about customer service is to be held in November.

A senior government source said last night: "We decided it really wasn't fair to keep demanding tougher standards from hospitals and schools without doing something about ourselves."

Other changes include tougher targets for ambulance services, in response to the many public complaints about long delays, and national league tables for university results.

To try to encourage more people to expect high standards from their local services, today the Government will also release a CD-Rom containing all the recent performance indicators. About 5,000 will be available to schools, libraries and local councils and another 5,000 may be requested by members of the public. Ministers want people to compare standards around the country and to question local services that fail to make the grade.

New leaflets for pensioners and families with young children are also planned. The idea is to highlight the rights, entitlements and local services for these groups in one booklet.

Despite the Labour Party's derision of the Citizen's Charter, it now seems certain that a Labour government would keep the system and make the standards more stringent.

Plans being considered by Derek Foster, the Shadow Public Services Minister, are to create an independent charter audit office to ensure that public services come up to scratch. Instead of relying on services to apply for the Chartermark, Labour would prefer to have a scheme under which inspectors singled out public bodies for checks on standards. Labour also believes that there should be a two-tier system with national bodies being judged in a different way from local services.

One Labour source said: "We believe that the Citizen's Charter needs more bite and that teams should be proactive, fingering areas and going in to make checks. Reports could then be submitted to a select committee."

Next week a Labour team is to hear evidence about possible reforms to the Citizen's Charter and will submit its conclusions to the Public Service Select Committee.

Anyone who would like one of the 5,000 free CD-Rom performance indicator programmes should telephone the Citizen's Charter unit on 0345 223242.

Chartermark: awarded only to the best services

Gruelling questions are an eye-opener for clinic staff

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT

THE Citizen's Charter may be thought of as little more than John Major's gimmick but any group that applies for a Chartermark award can expect searching questions to qualify.

Peter Summerscale, the former British Ambassador to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, who worked as a European Union monitor in the former Yugoslavia last year, inspected the Croydon Eye Unit in south London this week. His task as a Chartermark assessor was to judge whether the unit merited the award, the symbol of excellence coveted by public-sector staff but largely misunderstood by the rest of the country.

Last night Helen Seward, clinical director and senior eye surgeon at the unit, was still recovering from the six-hour visit and Mr Summerscale's detailed questioning. She badly wants her unit, which is part of the Mayday Hospital Trust, to win the award. Norma Major, the Prime Minister's wife, is supporting the application. Mrs Major's mother, Edith Johnson, was treated there for cataracts.

But Miss Seward, 42, was uncertain about the outcome: "I thought it was pretty tough and gruelling, but totally fair. He had really done his homework and certainly knew what he wanted. I feel as if I have just been through a most important exam. I know we won't get 100 per cent on everything."

Mr Summerscale arrived promptly and was soon engaged in asking a series of questions. What did Miss Seward do about complaints? Did her unit provide real value-for-money? What innovations were planned for the future? He concentrated on the areas he had perceived as weak in the application for a Chartermark.

He criticised the 30-day time lapse for the unit's final answer to a complaint, but accepted that there were few formal complaints and that many minor ones were often resolved by telephone. However, he did not rely only upon Miss Seward's word. Later, during a tour of the outpatients' clinic, he asked to see the official complaint book from patients and insisted upon seeing a copy of a letter to a particular complainant.

He questioned the practice of holding clinics in various GP surgeries throughout the area, and wanted detailed costings of a plan to bring specialists from Moorfield's Eye Hospital in central London to deal with the more difficult cases in Croydon. To ensure that efficiency savings were being achieved, he spent 30 minutes with the accountant and seemed satisfied when the unit had found a supplier to buy lenses at half price.

Staff appeared not to expect such rigorous inquiries. Mr Summerscale wanted to know why the unit did not display the cost of each operation, but on that point Miss Seward was adamant: "I won't put up a list on the wall and I don't apologise for it. I don't want to put off the elderly, who think the cash should be spent on someone else if an operation is going to improve their daily life. But we have the costs at reception if someone really wants to know." Local GPs and former patients were also questioned in detail about the unit.

Yesterday Mr Summerscale said he had no doubt that Miss Seward was an effective manager and explained that his purpose during the visit had been to explore areas which had appeared weak. "You have to go into these visits with a certain degree of scepticism. There have been occasions when people have given me the wrong information."

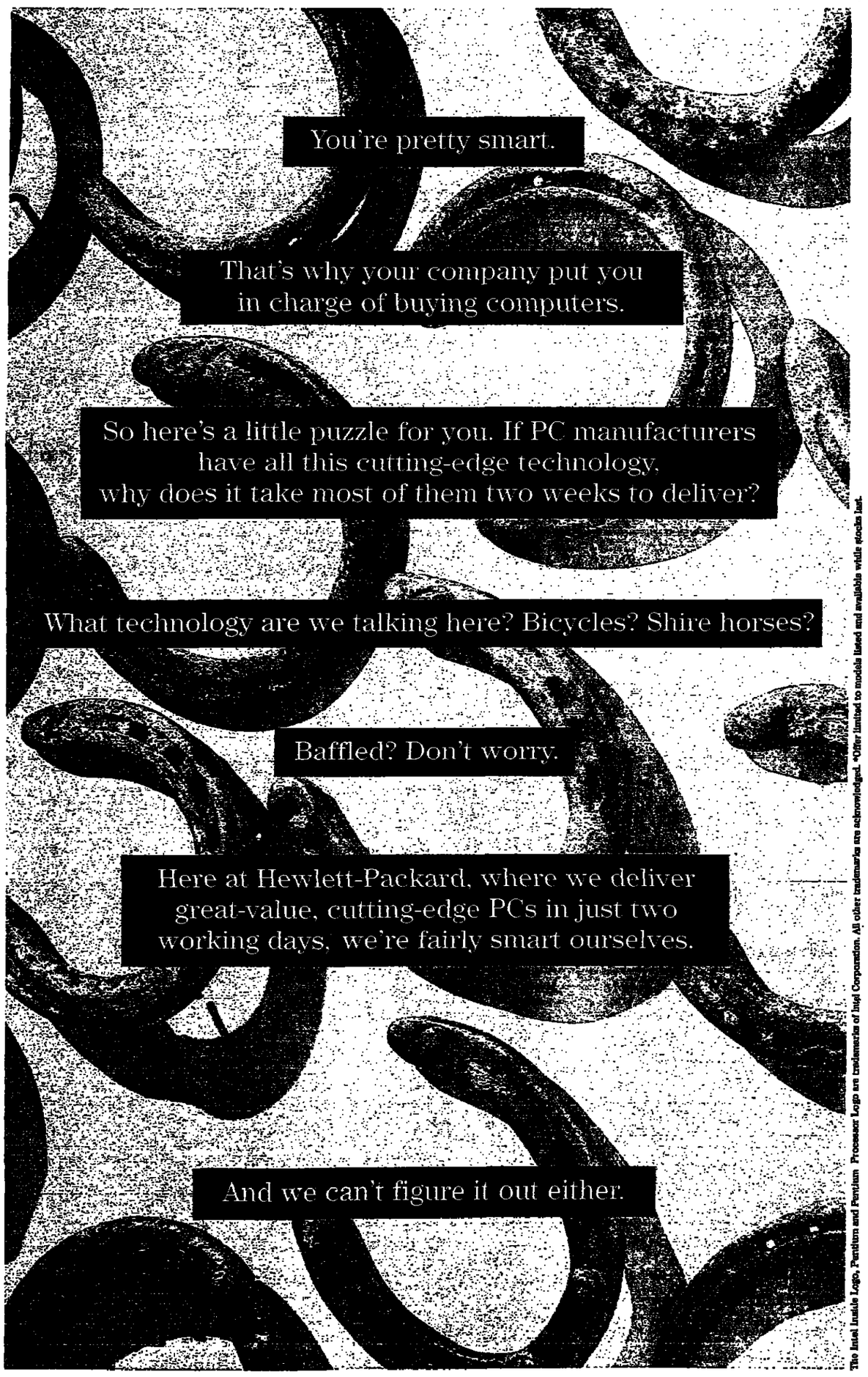
He did not reveal the outcome, however. Winners among this year's 737 public services applying for the Chartermark will be notified in November.

The Croydon Eye Unit has 28 staff and treats 35,000 outpatients a year on an annual budget of just under £1 million. Most patients are elderly people needing cataract operations. Last year 86 per cent of those patients achieved the vision required for driving standards, compared with the 80 per cent national target.

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Peter Summerscale, a Chartermark inspector, questioning Helen Seward, clinical director of the Croydon Eye Unit



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Pope in political minefield as French feud over visit

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

WHEN the Pope arrives in France for a four-day visit today, he will be greeted by crowds of Roman Catholics, 10,000 security personnel and a storm of controversy.

The Pope's visit, his fifth to France since 1980, has provoked anger over a wide range of issues, including church dogma, race, history and national identity, while the papal tour is being opposed by groups ranging from militant secularists to Freemasons and anarchists.

As he begins his last foreign trip before undergoing surgery in Rome to remove his inflamed appendix, the Pontiff's health will be subject to close scrutiny amid increasing scepticism over Vatican silence concerning the violent shaking of his left hand, sometimes a symptom of Parkinson's Disease.

The religious aspects of the Pope's visit are in danger of being overshadowed by domestic political posturing. Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader, who was criticised by church leaders on Monday for declaring the superiority of the white race, has said he plans to attend a papal Mass in Rheims on Sunday to mark the 1,500th anniversary of the baptism of the Frankish King Clovis, even though church officials say he has not been invited.

Clovis has been adopted as a figurehead by the extreme Right in France, but many secular-minded critics have also questioned why the Government is supporting the celebration of a strictly religious event in a nation where Church and State have been separated since 1905.

In a gruelling schedule that will test the 76-year-old Pope's fragile health, he will travel to Tours and Brittany before arriving in Rheims at the climax of the tour. Several hospitals have been placed on alert along the route in case the Pope requires emergency treatment.

A growing number of French Catholics, who nominally make up 80 per cent of the population, have expressed opposition to the Pope's conservative teachings on birth control, abortion, homosexuality and priestly celibacy. Hundreds of Catholics have asked to have their names struck from baptismal registers in protest at the Pope's rigid dogma, and opponents of the papal visit, comprising more than 65 different organisations, plan to hold a protest rally in the Place de la République in Paris on Sunday.

Security has been strengthened after the discovery of a home-made bomb at one of the 21 stops on the Pope's tour, and priests in Nantes were attacked last week by anarchists hurling custard pies.

Some 10,000 police, paramilitary gendarmes, sharpshooters and bodyguards have been mobilised to monitor the crowds and safeguard the Pope, who will also be protected by a squad of 125 guards from France's elite VIP protection unit. Police say they expect that small groups of activists may attempt to disrupt religious events, and *Le Figaro* reported that one militant anti-clerical group had hired a lookalike Pope at a cost of £1,000 for a protest in Rheims.

In the wake of the Clovis ruckus, President Chirac, an occasional churchgoer who made a state visit to the Vatican in February, has elected not to attend the baptism anniversary celebration at Rheims, where 150,000 pilgrims are expected for an open-air Mass. Instead the President will meet the Pope when he arrives at Tours this morning.

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Ex-minister to face Vichy war crimes trial

BY BEN MACINTYRE

MAURICE PAPON, a former Cabinet minister, must stand trial for crimes against humanity for allegedly deporting hundreds of Jews to Nazi death camps when he was an official in the Vichy regime, a French appeal court ruled yesterday.

The ruling in Bordeaux marks the latest chapter in a 15-year legal effort to bring the Papon case to trial and sets the stage for a painful and overdue examination of France's wartime past.

M Papon, 86, is accused of sending 1,690 French Jews, including 223 children, to Nazi concentration camps, where most perished in the gas chambers of Auschwitz, when he was secretary-general of the Bordeaux region between 1942 and 1944.

M Papon went on to become chief of the Paris police and Budget Minister under President Giscard d'Estaing until his alleged role in the Vichy regime was revealed, abruptly ending his political career.

He is only the second Frenchman to be sent for trial for crimes against humanity. But where Paul Touvier, who was convicted in 1994 and died in prison this year, was an anti-Semitic thief and thug, M Papon was a distinguished civil servant and a recipient of the Légion d'Honneur.

Relatives of the victims have waged a long and frustrating legal battle to bring M Papon to trial, in the face of stalling by successive governments unwilling to address a dark period in French history.

In 1994 the late President Mitterrand, himself a former Vichy official, admitted he had held up the legal process out of a desire to maintain "civil peace". M Papon has always insisted he was merely a "powerless spectator" to the rounding-up of French Jews, but the Bordeaux public prosecutor has insisted that he must have been aware of the horrible fate of the Jews deported under his authority. He might have entirely escaped exposure had his signature not been found on a series of deportation orders discovered in 1981.

The Supreme Court appeals process will take at least six months and the victims' families say they fear M Papon may die before he eventually comes to trial. His superiors in the Vichy hierarchy all died while their cases remained bogged down in the legal system.



Papon: claimed he was a "powerless spectator"

OLEG POPOV/REUTERS



A supporter of the Party of Democratic Action holds up a picture of Mr Izetbegovic outside the presidency building in Sarajevo yesterday

Muslim to lead divided Bosnian presidency

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

ALIJA IZETBEGOVIC, the Bosnian President, stood poised to resume the chairmanship of the country's newly elected tripartite presidency after narrowly defeating his Serb rival by 40,000 votes, it was announced yesterday in Sarajevo.

Although Mr Izetbegovic was expected to garner the most votes within the Muslim-Croat Federation, he was locked in a close race with Momcilo Krajisnik, the nationalist candidate from the Serb Republic. Now the two men, who have been bitter enemies for the past four years of war, will take their offices next to each other along with Kresimir Zubak, the Croat nationalist. The trio, who will govern for two years, will not do so easily.

The Bosnian Serbs acknowledged defeat in the election and said they would co-operate with joint institutions due to emerge from the vote. Velibor Ostojic, the Bosnian Serb Deputy Prime Minister, said the Serbs would "have to live with" the results, and promised they would "not boycott the work and will not disrupt in any way the functioning" of Bosnia's new joint institutions.

Mr Izetbegovic, speaking for the first time in public since the election, said he would work for "reunification and justice. I want to repeat my political goal. In short it is the reunification of the country and justice in it".

Despite these pledges, the future is far from clear. Mr Izetbegovic has become increasingly more nationalistic. His outgunned Bosnian Army suffered heavily during the war and the Bosnian population bore the brunt of the suffering, and his Muslim-led Party of Democratic Action began to exhibit less tolerance towards Serb and Croat minorities since the war ended.

Mr Krajisnik has been fighting for a separate Serb state for the past four years and is believed to be one of the founding fathers of "ethnic cleansing", under which nearly a million people were brutally uprooted from their homes. He is under investigation by the International War Crimes Tribunal.

Mr Zubak, former head of the nationalist Croatian Democratic League, has also made no secret of his desire to see a greater Croatia that would encompass parts of Bosnia. Given Mr Krajisnik's open declaration that the Serbs will attempt to separate from the unified state, and Mr Zubak's more subtle intentions to do the same, international mediators fear the presidency will be stalemated.

Already rumours abound that the Serbs will demand a recount or declare the results fraudulent. Richard Holbrooke, the American diplomat and architect of the Dayton accords, said his biggest worry now was trying to get the newly elected institutions to work.

HOW BOSNIA VOTED

MUSLIM
Muslim Nationalist - Party of Democratic Action (SDA)
[redacted] Alija Izetbegovic (729,034)
Party for Bosnia-Herzegovina
[redacted] Haris Silajdzic (123,784)

SERB
Serb Nationalist - Serb Democratic Party (SDS)
[redacted] Momcilo Krajisnik (690,373)
Socialist Party - Serb Republic
[redacted] Mladen Ivanic (308,803)

CROAT
Croat Nationalist - Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ)
[redacted] Kresimir Zubak (342,097)
United List
[redacted] Ivo Komsic (38,261)

Nato force to set up new HQ in Sarajevo

FROM MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT IN SARAJEVO

A NEW Nato command structure is to be set up in Sarajevo, providing the first real evidence that the alliance is to stay in Bosnia, perhaps for another two years.

The deployment of a new Nato headquarters in the city was confirmed by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, during a 24-hour visit to Bosnia with Volker Rühe, his German counterpart.

The prospect of a longer-term Nato commitment in Bosnia is a highly sensitive issue, not least because of the American presidential elections in November. President Clinton agreed to send 20,000 troops to Bosnia at the end of last year, but said they would serve for just 12 months.

Asked about a follow-on Nato force to replace the 52,000-man Implementation Force (Ifor) which is due to begin pulling out on December 20, Mr Portillo said no decision had yet been taken. However, plans are well under way for maintaining a Nato force of up to 20,000, with every alliance member involved, including America.

During a press conference at Sarajevo airport, Mr Portillo said that the headquarters of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC), which has been running the Ifor mission under a British general, is to be replaced this year by Nato's Landcent HQ (Central Command — Land) which, like the ARRC, is based in Germany.

Ostensibly, the new organisation is coming in to help with the withdrawal of the Ifor troops once the 12-month mission is over. However, military sources said that Landcent HQ would then be in a position to take over the running of a follow-on force.

Mr Portillo said that between 200 and 300 British personnel would be working for the Landcent headquarters, reducing Britain's present commitment to Bosnia by about 1,000 personnel.

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Time-off deal cuts costs for VW

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

VOLKSWAGEN, Germany's largest car manufacturer, is planning to cut huge operating costs with a scheme that pays workers in an imaginary currency redeemable as they near retirement.

The idea, prompted by the ambition of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, to create two million jobs by the year 2000, has earned the approval of the company's works council.

Instead of being paid overtime and annual bonuses, Volkswagen and Audi workers will be offered certificates representing 10, 25, 50 and 100 work hours that will earn guaranteed interest. When a worker has earned enough of these units, he will be able to take a year off — redeeming certificates — without reducing living standards.

The main beneficiaries, however, are supposed to be 55 to 60-year-olds whose work load, according to Volkswagen plans, will be reduced to 18 hours a week. They will be able to make up their salaries with certificates earned when younger. From age 60, workers on reduced hours will have their salaries made up by the state and by the company until they reach official retirement age.

The advantage to Volkswagen and to the German economy is that management will be able to hire young workers and offer them a credible incentive for flexible hours. Volkswagen believes the scheme will benefit thousands of its 130,000 workforce.

Eastwood has his say in 15 words

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

CLINT EASTWOOD'S court battle with his former lover heated up when he gave evidence in his own defence on Tuesday, denying that he ever set out to defraud the actress Sondra Locke, with whom he lived for 13 years.

Like the characters he plays, Mr Eastwood answered questions from Ms Locke's lawyer in a court in Burbank, California, in monosyllables. He uttered 15 words in five minutes, admitting that he had financed a $1.5 million (£960,000) production deal at Warner Brothers for the actress without her knowledge.

But when asked by his own lawyers to explain the deal, he said it had been an alternative to a $7.5 million divorce claim in which Ms Locke had been "holding a gun to my head". He also said he had never discouraged the studio from working with her.

Ms Locke, who fell in love with Mr Eastwood while filming *The Outlaw Josey Wales* with him in 1976, says the deal humiliated her and ensured that she would not be taken seriously in Hollywood — even though it guaranteed her a studio parking space with her name on it. She had offered 30 script ideas in as many months, none of which has been developed as a film.

After giving evidence, Mr Eastwood was unusually loquacious, telling reporters: "I have done nothing but try to help her, and no good deed goes unpunished."

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Monarchy under fire as House of Orange's outspoken head oversteps the constitutional mark

Queen pedals into Dutch row



Queen Beatrix addresses the opening of the Dutch parliament earlier this week

The Queen of the Netherlands is ruffling a few feathers, but she would be first choice for President if the country became a republic, Roger Boyes writes

QUEEN BEATRIX of The Netherlands is coming under fire for her behind-the-scenes political activities which have resulted in ambassadors being levered out of their posts and allegations of censorship. The bicycling Queen, it seems, is sticking her spokes into politics.

The Dutch Queen should, according to the constitution, be even more remote from politics than the British monarch. The Prime Minister takes responsibility for every public utterance by the Queen. But there is a deliberate vagueness in the constitutional wording and much depends on the relationship of the Queen with the government of the day. She has the right to a regular briefing from the Prime Minister and the right to express her view; everything else is uncharted territory.

Now the nation is fiercely debating whether the Queen has crossed an invisible line. Sources in The Hague say the Queen was behind the sudden shift of the Dutch Ambassador to South Africa because he was living with a woman who was not his wife. The Queen and her consort, Prince Claus, are due to visit South Africa at the end of the month and did not apparently want to be confronted with a diplomat who was "living immorally".

The Queen also pressed the Foreign Minister, Hans van Mierlo, to open an embassy in Amman — she has close relations with King Husain of Jordan.

It is also widely assumed that the Queen was behind a decision by the Culture Ministry to withdraw state subsidies from a play called *Emily and the Secret of the House in the Wood*. Emily is the first name of Crown Prince Willem's girlfriend. The House in the Wood — Huis ten Bosch — is the name given to the royal palace. The five-act play is said to be a cheerful satire on the Royal Family. Amsterdam, the least respectful Dutch city in regard to the Royal Family, has come up with its own subsidy and saved the play, which opens on November 28.

These are quiet machinations. Few outside the closest court circles can be quite sure if the Queen twisted the arm of the Government or whether, out of an exaggerated allegiance, the ministers anticipated the Queen's displeasure.



Prince Claus, the Queen's consort

The Queen expresses her moral censure openly. She has made clear her opposition to homosexual marriage — parliamentary moves are afoot to legalise such unions — upbraided the Dutch about their lax environmental standards, and urged the country to be more tolerant of immigrants.

There has never been a secret about the 58-year-old Queen's strong views. But they do seem to be becoming sharper and her political interventions are more detailed and focused than they have ever been. The reason may be her concern about the succession. Crown Prince Willem-Alexander has had a series of well publicised love affairs and some of his activities have been viewed with dismay by the Queen.

Queen Beatrix, say Dutch experts, wants to ensure that the monarchy holds the moral high ground, lest it end in the kind of turmoil that has hit the Windsors. The reign of Beatrix is increasingly concerned with maintaining moral standards in public life. She has been able to break out of her political straitjacket in part because of her high popularity. The Netherlands is not indissolubly wedded to its monarchy; the House of Orange has enjoyed royal status only since 1815 and there is a strong republican streak. But the personal popularity of Queen Beatrix and her mother, Juliana, has consolidated it in modern times. Her standing is such that, if The Netherlands ever became a republic, she would probably be elected its first President.

The present debate reflects not only the Queen's moral crusade but also a growing willingness of the Dutch media to tackle what has long been regarded as a taboo subject.

The media consensus — that the Queen, because of her popularity and constitutional position, should be left alone — is beginning to crumble. And the more she enters the political domain, the more justified the newspapers feel in asking questions about her family's role.

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Mayor of Moscow bids for power

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

WHETHER he is shaking hands with Michael Jackson or lashing out at Kremlin policy-makers, Yuri Luzhkov, the energetic and power-hungry Mayor of Moscow, has served notice to Russia that his ambitions extend far beyond the city's municipal boundaries.

As President Yeltsin remains in hospital awaiting final word on his heart-bypass surgery, the stocky Moscow city boss is already positioning himself for what many suspect will become an outright challenge for the presidency.

The first sign that Mr Luzhkov was emerging as a challenger came earlier this month, when he attacked the peace deal to end the war in Chechenia negotiated by General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's security chief and another presidential hopeful.

While most of the country was praising the accord, Mr Luzhkov said he had to call "a spade a spade". "I am very glad the war in Chechenia is over, because casualties, shooting and gunfire have finished," he said. "But having read the documents signed, I can say that I regard the agreement as an act of capitulation by the armed forces before gunmen."

He then turned his attention to international politics and in particular the row between Russia and Ukraine over the future status of the Crimean city of Sevastopol, home port of the disputed Black Sea Fleet. "A simple truth needs to be remembered: Sevastopol is a Russian city which we must not lose and which we will not give away to anybody," he said.

While most regional chiefs would be warned not to interfere in the affairs of state, no one dared to silence the Mayor as he appealed to nationalist sentiments.

Running Moscow, which accounts for nearly 10 per cent of the Russian population and much of its wealth, has always been one of the pivotal jobs in the country, and previous incumbents include Boris Yeltsin.

Mr Luzhkov, 50, has won nationwide respect for his energetic work in reviving the capital. In three years the city has become a showcase for successful post-Communist change and a magnet for foreign investment.

Most pundits believe time is on the Mayor's side, and that the longer President Yeltsin remains in his present weakened position the stronger Mr Luzhkov will become.



Luzhkov: challenge to Lebed for presidency

LBJ was Kennedy 'suspect'

Los Angeles: The KGB believed that Lyndon Johnson, then Vice-President, was responsible for the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy, according to an unedited version of a 1966 FBI document.

The document was released at a public hearing of the Assassination Records Review Board, a federal commission established to collect documents on the assassination.

The board also made publica request from Marina Oswald Porter, widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was thought to be Kennedy's killer, asking the board to investigate his involvement with the FBI. *(AP)*

India to pay riot compensation

Delhi: India is to pay £15.4 million to the relatives of those killed in anti-Sikh riots after two Sikh bodyguards murdered Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, more than a decade ago. The Government's decision arises from last month's court order directing it to pay compensation within four months for nearly 3,000 victims of the 1984 riots. On August 27 an Indian court sentenced 93 Hindus to five years' hard labour for taking part in the riots. *(AFP)*

Dying cardinal visits death row

New York: A cardinal with terminal cancer visited a death row prisoner shortly before the man was executed by lethal injection (Quentin Letts writes). Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, who himself may have weeks to live, told Raymond Stewart, a mass killer: "We are in the same boat." The two men prayed together during the hour-long visit at Joliet, Illinois.

Paralysis threat siege ends

Sydney: A siege in which an unarmed man threatened to paralyse his estranged girlfriend, who is in the Royal Perth Rehabilitation Hospital with spinal injuries, by damaging her traction device, ended when Ivan Gavran, 31, was overcome by exhaustion (Roger Maynard writes). Natalie Babic, 29, is expected to make a full recovery.

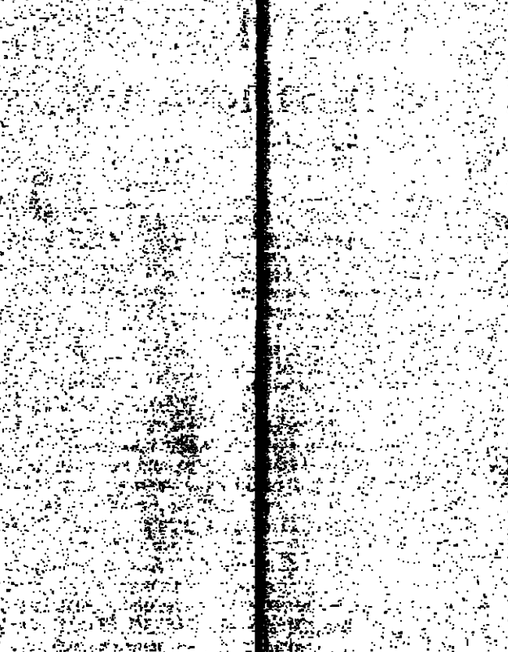
Archbishop's body found

Bujumbura: The Burundian Army said soldiers have found the bodies of Archbishop Joachim Ruhuna and a nun, who were murdered in an ambush in central Burundi on September 9. The bodies were found two miles from the site of the attack in Gitongo district. *(Reuter)*

Not quite white

Dubai: Citizens of the United Arab Emirates want foreigners barred from wearing the *kandoora*, saying "misuse" of the flowing white gowns and headscarves could bring disrepute to Arabs. *(Reuter)*

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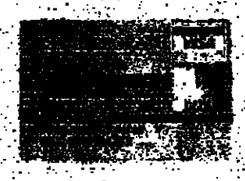
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Death squad chief links de Klerk to apartheid killings

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN PRETORIA

A FORMER police colonel, who describes himself as apartheid's most effective assassin, has directly implicated F.W. de Klerk, South Africa's last white President, in clandestine apartheid operations to murder opponents of the government.

Eugene de Kock, 48, who headed a secret counter-insurgency unit, told the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday he had ordered his death squad in 1993 to attack a house in Transkei, then a nominally independent homeland, in which five people died, including children.

It was the first time that a former agent of the state, giving evidence under oath, had linked Mr de Klerk to "dirty tricks" operations. De Kock said Mr de Klerk must have known about other such operations because he had admitted to knowing about the Transkei raid.

"De Klerk cannot say he did not know that such [covert] organisations existed," he said. "He himself, as President, ordered the attack in the Transkei in 1993. Surely he knew there were covert units with this ability. Who did he think was going to launch the attack?"

The Transkei house was a base for the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, and the attack on it nearly derailed multiparty negotiations to end apartheid.

Mr de Klerk, the National Party leader, denied any knowledge of atrocities while giving evidence last month before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which is investigating apartheid crimes. De Kock's testimony has now raised serious questions about the honesty of Mr de Klerk's submission.

At the commission hearing, Mr de Klerk told Archbishop Desmond Tutu that to his knowledge "unconventional" actions had never included the authorisation of assassinations and he had never given such an order.

Mr de Klerk hit back at de Kock yesterday, saying his claims were not new and that the matter had already been raised in his submission to the commission. He said the Transkei raid had been authorised after intelligence gathered pointed to an arms cache on the premises.

> F.W. de Klerk is one of the greatest cowards the country has produced

De Kock was convicted last month of 89 crimes, including six murders related to the death squad he led in eliminating the government's opponents during the Eighties and early Nineties.

He is giving evidence for the first time in his 18-month trial to plead for leniency. He has said privately that he will not go down alone, and this week he has implicated a host of apartheid politicians and security chiefs in a series of killings for which he did not stand trial.

On Tuesday, de Kock said P.W. Botha, Mr de Klerk's predecessor, had ordered clandestine operations against civilian opponents to apartheid. His evidence could result in other trials.

On the third day of sensational evidence, de Kock, visibly angry, sought yesterday to cast aside accusations from his superiors that he was a "rogue" agent who had followed his own agenda. He stressed that his loyalty to the apartheid regime had been unshakeable.

De Kock portrayed Mr de Klerk as a ruthless opportunist. He expressed bitterness over the treatment death-squad assassins had received from Mr de Klerk and other apartheid leaders. "I felt the state had decided to cut us loose," he said. "I would never have sold them out. My opinion is that F.W. de Klerk abdicated the day he unbanned [the anti-apartheid parties]. I regard him as one of the greatest cowards the country has ever produced."

De Kock commanded the Vlaakplaas unit, which was based at a secret location near Pretoria. The unit had a reputation for its assassination capabilities and received numerous requests for clandestine operations.

De Kock's evidence continues today.

Scandals monsoon sweeps over India

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S newspapers offered readers a choice yesterday between the telephones scandal, the MPs' pay-off scandal, the animal fodder scandal or the "Godman" scandal. There was scant space for anything else.

Never has independent India been so obsessed with venality — probably because there has never been so much of it. The biggest headlines are reserved for Sukh Ram, the former Communications Minister, who has just returned from a brief exile with his daughter in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, to face accusations of huge fraud. He is in police custody in hospital.

He is suspected of taking kickbacks in the issuing of private telephone contracts while he was a minister. Yesterday Mr Sukh Ram was also charged with holding unaccounted-for funds running into thousands of pounds. The discovery of £660,000 in cash at his Delhi home has been followed by reports that he indirectly owns a majority stake in a five-star hotel in the northern city of Chandigarh. Mr Sukh Ram looks likely to be expelled from the Congress Party for saying that the money found at his home belonged to the party and was to be used for forthcoming elections in the politically important state of Uttar Pradesh.

The Godman scandal involves Chandraswami, once the spiritual adviser to P. V. Narasimha Rao, the former Prime Minister. The "Godman" owns a multi-story ashram in Delhi, but he now lives at nearby Tihar prison, where he is awaiting trial on explosives and criminal conspiracy charges.

Mr Rao is a suspect in the alleged pay-off of several MPs from a small political party, the JMM, whose support in a 1993 vote of confidence was decisive in keeping him in power.

The animal fodder affair has implicated a string of senior bureaucrats. They allegedly received huge pay-offs from an animal husbandry "mafia", which made unrestricted withdrawals from the state treasury in Bihar.

MICHAEL MULVEY/REUTER



An American soldier hugs his wife at Fort Hood, Texas, before leaving for Kuwait

Kurdish leader in talks with US

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

AMERICA struggled to pick up the pieces of its shattered Kurdish policy yesterday as the State Department's Robert Pelletreau arrived in Turkey for talks with the Baghdad-backed Kurdish leader, Massoud Barzani.

Washington's diplomatic initiative was designed to persuade Mr Barzani, of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, that it was not in the Kurds' long-term interest to remain allied to President Saddam Hussein, whose forces helped the Barzani faction to capture the town of Arbil from the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan led by Jalal Talabani.

American officials said that the talks were also designed to restart peace negotiations between the two Kurdish factions. "Our objective is to have Mr Barzani and Mr Talabani agree to talks about their differences peacefully," Nicholas Burns, spokesman for the State Department, said.

Western diplomats in Ankara said that British diplomats were due to attend the meeting between Mr Barzani and Mr Pelletreau. The timing of Mr Barzani's trip was welcomed by Western officials as a sign that the Iraqi leader may not yet have reimposed the iron grip over northern Iraq that had been feared two weeks ago. The initiative was sparked by a letter sent to the Americans by Mr Barzani, who said before crossing into Turkey that he "was still willing to co-operate with America if it is really serious".

America moved Patriot missile batteries into Kuwait yesterday to boost its defences against Iraqi Scud missiles. Patriots have also been installed in Saudi Arabia.

Third World blocks UN cutbacks

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

PRESSURE from Third World countries has thwarted the first attempt by the United Nations to implement large-scale layoffs to trim its sprawling bureaucracy. The UN was this month to have dismissed the first 37 staff members no longer needed because of budget cuts.

But Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, shelved the plan after Third World countries opposed it in the budget committee.

Most permanent UN staff enjoy lifetime employment, although newer staff are usually on temporary contracts. The planned layoffs were the first to flow from budget cuts meant to reduce the 10,000 staff at UN headquarters to 8,800 before the turn of the century.

☐ **Taiwan setback:** Taiwan yesterday suffered a double setback when its supporters failed to win official discussion of its wish to rejoin the world body, and UN officials declined to accept a $160,000 (£100,000) cheque because it was political and therefore breached United Nations policy. *(AFP)*

Israel 'driving region to war'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

CONCERN about a potential military flare-up between Syria and Israel intensified yesterday as the state-controlled media in Damascus alleged that the policies of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, had caused tension in the Middle East and could lead to war.

In the most bellicose comments yet made by Syria about the crisis, Fayez al-Sayegh, director-general of Sana, the official Syrian news agency, claimed that the policy of the Israeli Government was aimed at "undermining the peace process and driving the region and its people to a state of tension and escalation ... and maybe war".

Syria's official media described Israel's reaction to recent large-scale Syrian troop movements in Lebanon as "a campaign of delusion and allegation" and urged America to halt "Israel's uproar which is currently taking the shape of a military threat".

Despite international diplomatic attempts to defuse the situation, Damascus Radio also accused Israel of intensifying its military presence in the occupied western sector of Lebanon by sending in 20 new armoured vehicles, including tanks and heavy artillery.

The crisis, which prompted Israel's authoritative newspaper *Haaretz* to claim that "the winds of war are blowing again in the Middle East", was the subject of an emergency briefing for President Weizman.

A spokesman for Mr Netanyahu said later that both sides had sent messages via the United States designed to reduce the tension. In Damascus, the official paper *al-Baath* dismissed the chances of Dennis Ross, the US envoy now touring the region, securing a breakthrough between Israel and Syria.

Among Israeli military commanders, concern was growing that even if a confrontation between Israeli and Syrian forces can be avoided in the short run, the long-term dangers of a new war have been greatly increased by the redeployment of over 12,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon in recent weeks.

Haaretz disclosed that senior Israeli defence officials have handed an intelligence report to Mr Netanyahu which concluded that "the chances of war with Syria are no longer low". As a show of strength, Israeli tanks and armoured personnel carriers supported by ground troops this week carried out an exercise on the Golan Heights, seized from Syria in 1967.

Haaretz said the intelligence report disclosed that the Syrians have recently completed a four-year plan designed to enhance their effort to wage what was described as "a limited war" against Israel, suggesting they might try to retake the Golan.

The newspaper also claimed that tension inside Israel has been increased by the large military exercise now going on in Egypt, described as the biggest held there since the 1973 Yom Kippur war.

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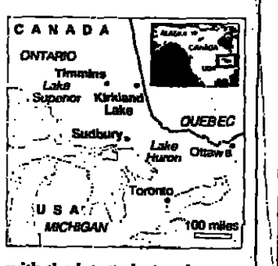
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Ontario gold fever lures thousands to northern woods

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA



AN OLD-fashioned gold rush is under way in the northern Ontario woods this week as thousands of prospectors stake out mining claims on a huge tract of 2,316 square miles of newly opened government lands.

The Temagami Tract, almost a third the size of Wales, is located between Sudbury and Kirkland Lake, in northern Ontario. For the past 23 years the area has been tied up by Indian land claims. A court decision this summer set out the native portion, opening up the rest to mining and forestry.

The rush that began officially on Tuesday morning was triggered by the discovery recently of rich deposits of gold, silver, zinc, cobalt and lots of copper. It is located in the heart of the mineral-rich Canadian Shield.

Prospectors from around the world have arrived for what is turning out to be the biggest land claims rush in northern Ontario history. Each one of the many grizzled veterans of the northern woods is intent on staking out the mother lode that will make him rich beyond his wildest dreams.

Many of the prospectors are crusty-bearded recluses who would do honour to central casting, all eager to brave the black flies and try to make their way over and under slimy fallen trees and boot-sucking bogs in the black spruce and cedar forest.

The big mining companies go first class, flying in their crews in helicopters equipped with the latest electronic communications, clattering their way into the few open spaces to land and pitch their nylon waterproof tents. Many have satellite telephones because cellular telephones do not work in the area.

The veterans resort to old lorries, to horses, mules, canoes and, in some cases, their own feet. Doug Bradley, a Vietnam War veteran, whose pilots have been ferrying crews around for the past few weeks, said: "This place is worse than Saigon in the last days of the war."

Some prospectors intend to explore the claims themselves; others hope to sell their claims to a mining company and move on to the next rush. The prospectors must be registered with the Government, pay $25 for a licence and stake their claim in proper form. Their claims must be in 400 square-yard units, walked by foot in a clockwise direction.

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Democrat fury as 'Travelgate' report accuses Clintons

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

CONGRESSIONAL Republicans sparked a furious partisan row yesterday by accusing the White House of mounting a "colossal" cover-up to conceal the roles of President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, in the controversial 1993 dismissal of the seven-man White House travel office.

Republicans on a House committee that has spent two years investigating the "Travelgate" scandal approved a blistering report claiming the White House obstruction had been "conducted, overseen and encouraged at the highest levels" — a clear reference to the Clintons.

The committee's Democrat minority walked out of the room after the Republican majority adopted the report, accusing their rivals of blatant political posturing just seven weeks before the presidential election.

Henry Waxman, the committee's senior Democrat, called the report "a crassly partisan smear campaign against President Clinton, Mrs Clinton and this Administration". The White House had already denounced it as "last-ditch, negative campaigning by innuendo and rumour".

Initially the Republicans released excerpts, but the full 375-page report will offer a highly detailed account of how the seven employees were dismissed four months after Mr Clinton took office, and how the White House allegedly then sought to have the FBI, Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service justify that action by suggesting financial mismanagement.

Six of the seven were exonerated and given new government jobs while Billy Dale, the office head, was acquitted on charges of embezzlement.

The report will claim Mr Clinton wanted to give the travel business to cronies including his friend Harry Thomason, a Hollywood producer, and that Mrs Clinton, contrary to her sworn denials, pressured White House aides to dismiss the seven. When the move unexpectedly aroused controversy, the White House launched a "colossal damage-control effort" to protect the President and First Lady.

The committee issued countless subpoenas over the past year to obtain White House documents relating to "Travelgate". The White House has more than once claimed executive privilege before relenting at the eleventh hour. One subpoenaed document was a memorandum written by David Watkins, the senior administrative aide who performed the sackings, in which he claimed to have acted on Mrs Clinton's "insistence". Other subpoenaed White House documents have tended to corroborate that claim, but never conclusively.

William Clinger, the committee's chairman, claimed Mr Clinton had "engaged in an unprecedented misuse of executive power, abuse of executive privilege and obstruction of numerous investigations".

Yesterday's shouting match served to remind voters of an episode Mr Clinton would rather forget, but he appears almost invulnerable in the face of the countless allegations that have been levelled against him and his Administration. Voters knew he was no saint when they elected him in 1992. They seem to accept his assertion that most of the charges are politically motivated, and to have decided to judge him only on his performance as President.

Mr Clinton would have been in much more trouble had any Democrats broken ranks and joined his Republican accusers, but none has yet.

TIM ROSKE/AP PHOTO



Mike Tyson, the boxing champion, leaves a court in Albany, New York, yesterday, where he is being sued for $10 million (£6.5 million) by his former trainer, Kevin Rooney, who claims breach of contract. In the suit, filed eight years ago, Rooney says Tyson's late mentor, Cus D'Amato, promised him 10 per cent of the fighter's winnings for as long as he fought. D'Amato ran a gym in New York that is now operated by Rooney. At issue is whether the promise was made and, if so, whether it was binding on Tyson, then under 18. (AP)

Tyson in $10m court battle

Greek-Americans fail to mourn tarnished Agnew

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

SPIRO AGNEW, who died on Tuesday night aged 77, rose higher than any Greek-American in US history, but even among his own people the former Vice-President was little lamented yesterday.

To most of the 2.5 million Greek-Americans he was the man who shamed a proud community when, in 1973, he became the first Vice-President to resign over a bribery scandal. Many also refused to forgive him for an official visit to Greece in 1971 when the Colonels were in power.

George Stephanopoulos, President Clinton's senior adviser, said Mr Agnew became a non-person after his downfall. Paul Tsongas, the former senator and 1992 Democratic presidential candidate, said that "for the average Greek-American the spectre of him receiving brown paper bags of money was so horrid ... that they will never forgive him".

The Greek Orthodox Church in America said Greek-Americans would "pray for his soul" but were "pained and ashamed" by his disgrace. George Davidis, for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, said his record was "embarrassing and a shame because we want our people to be involved in public service".

Though Greek-Americans comprise barely 1 per cent of the population, and are concentrated largely in the big northeastern cities, they have produced a disproportionate number of prominent political figures including Senators Paul Sarbanes and Olympia Snowe, Michael Dukakis, the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee, and two current congressmen, Mr Tsongas and Mr Stephanopoulos.

Greeks began arriving in America in large numbers between 1900 and 1920, a second wave after the Second World War. Mr Agnew was the first to break the political glass ceiling that confronted such candidates when Richard Nixon chose him as running-mate in 1968.

Practically the only Greek to speak warmly of him yesterday was Spiros Boutas, the Mayor of Gargalianoi, the small town in southern Greece from which Mr Agnew's father, Dimitrios Anagnostopoulos, emigrated to Baltimore in the early 1900s. "He was a good man and made us proud because he was the first American of Greek origin to reach such a high position," he said.

A Greek government spokesman in Athens said: "The Government expresses condolences to the family of Spiro Agnew."

An otherwise silent White House ordered flags to be flown at half-mast.

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President in grand play for green vote

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton followed Theodore Roosevelt along a well-beaten path to the Grand Canyon yesterday and employed the eternal majesty of its scenery to assure America of his commitment to the environment.

Standing close to the spot where President Roosevelt had declared the famous canyonlands of Arizona a national monument in 1908, Mr Clinton was expected to establish a similar status for nearly two million acres of red-rock canyons and lonely plateaux in southern Utah.

The plan, designed to preserve the largest unprotected wilderness in America, was thought to include a ban on mining, road building and other development in an area between two national parks, Bryce Canyon and Capitol Reef.

Ranging from the Kaiparowits Plateau to the Grand Staircase, the 1.8 million acres have been the source of a long-standing fight between conservationists, wishing to protect the culture and rock paintings of the Anasazi Indians, and industrial mining interests.

The decision by Mr Clinton to enter such choppy waters reflects the confidence of his poll ratings and the knowledge that he stands no chance in Utah this November. Before the announcement was made, Senator Orrin Hatch, the senior Utah representative, had made it clear "there would be hell to pay if such a monument were created".

The White House, however, portrays the decision as the final confrontation between the industrial Old West and the environmentally conscious New West, in essence the fight between Republican and Democrat.

Although Mr Clinton is certain to fail in Utah, his political advisers are convinced the greening of the President will secure him further votes in nearby states.

Aides hope the symbolic connection between Teddy Roosevelt and Clinton will remain throughout the course of the election race.

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Mothers sometimes need help



Dr Thomas Stuttaford on Caeasarean sections; the medicinal properties of fish oil; treatment for gout; and pills for the prostate

The controversy surrounding the decision of the courts to allow surgeons to deliver by Caesarean section women whose labours had become obstructed, despite their lack of consent, has inevitably aroused considerable interest among doctors and lawyers as well as the lay public. One small point which has escaped much attention is that one of the women involved had already had three Caesarean sections but her delivery had been complicated by her refusal to admit that she was pregnant, a delusion which persisted even after she was fully dilated and in the labour ward.

It is over 38 years since I helped with my first case of obstructed labour. It was during my wife's first delivery and occurred after the obstetrician had failed to deliver my son with forceps. The doctor then panicked and disappeared. The anaesthetist and I were left nonplussed in the theatre with a patient who appeared to be dying with her baby suffocating within her.

The signs and symptoms of an obstructed labour soon become all too obvious: contractions become increasingly painful, powerful and rapid, but despite this, the labour does not progress. The mother's pulse rate increases, her temperature rises and her general condition deteriorates rapidly. The lower segment of the uterus becomes progressively thinner as it is stretched over the baby's head and there is a distinct Bandl's ring between the lower and upper segment of the uterus. The uterus becomes moulded around the baby like a wetsuit, and I can still remember the shape of my son's body.

As the baby only obtains the central, oxgenated, blood between the contractions it becomes progressively weaker as the contractions become more frequent and the oxygen supply more feeble. An overstretched uterus will in time rupture, a major medical disaster, but by this time the baby will almost certainly have already died from lack of oxygen.

In the past when there was inadequete antenatal care, and such diseases as the rickets were a common sequel to malnourishment, obstructed labours were frequently seen. Now they are rare, and when they do occur the baby is rapidly delivered by Caesarean section.

When in my wife's case the obstetrician failed to return, the anaesthetist saved the day and the life of my wife and my son by organising a replacement surgeon and an immediate Caesarean section. My son was born pale, grey and limp and allegedly did not breathe for 15 minutes.

There were several sequels to this unfortunate delivery. When my wife became pregnant again she, unbeknown to me, suggested to her new obstetrician that she should have a trial of labour. Our new obstetrician smiled and gave a very short reply: "That's alright, Pam. Everybody has a right to die in the way they choose but I just don't want to be around at the time, and I'd rather it didn't take place in my hospital."

My wife has always been extremely grateful to him not only for such a straightforward and robust opinion but for the two admirably conducted Caesarean sections she had subsequently.

After delivery my son was seen by a well-known neurologist for whom I was then working. The neurologist was equally forthright and said that it was impossible that my son could have escaped brain damage, that his intellect would inevitably be blunted, that he would probably have some limb weakness and would certainly be poorly co-ordinated.

The neurologist added consolingly: "There is no reason why he shouldn't grow up to be a nice enough chap and really good company." In fact his intellect, blunted or not, enabled him to win a scholarship to Oxford at a remarkably young age.

Our first errant obstetrician, now dead, soon afterwards gave up obstetrics altogether. I was told that he never fully recovered from the night's disaster. Thereafter he became a famous and very popular general practitioner. Unfortunately there was always a certain embarrassment between us whenever we met, as inevitably we did. But the 3am drama in which we both played a part so many years earlier was never mentioned.



A Caesarean section may be necessary when labour is obstructed and the lives of mother and baby are in jeopardy

Fishing for treatments

Any contribution to the well-being of the nation which comes from the Scottish islands might be expected to have its origin in fish or whisky. In fact, a new £6-million pharmaceutical research centre has recently been opened by the Princess Royal on the Isle of Lewis — and it is investigating, among other matters, the medicinal uses of fish oil.

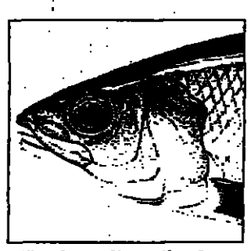
One of the fish-oil products in the research programme of Scotia Pharmaceuticals is for the treatment of schizophrenia. The results of the trials are not expected for some months but, if it is effective, its action will be totally different from that of other anti-psychotic drugs.

In the past ten years, the number of drugs available for the treatment of schizophrenia has multiplied but there still seems to be a reluctance to use the newer ones such as Risperdal and risperidone.

The symptoms of schizophrenia can be treated and, to some extent, the progress of the disease delayed and relapses prevented by the correct use of drugs. Doctors are by nature conservative and have a tendency to persist in prescribing older and well-tried treatments even after better ones have become available. They seem to work on the principle that when it comes to assessing the chances of their patients developing side-effects, "better the devil you know".

Unfortunately some side-effects of the older anti-psychotic drugs can be devilish. But now new anti-psychotics, including risperidone, are available which have a relatively kinder side-effect profile. The fewer the side-effects, the more likely the patient is to continue to take the drug.

Persuading schizophrenic patients to co-operate with their treatment, including taking regular maintenance therapy although they are feeling better, is an essential attribute for anyone looking after them — and having drugs which do not change patients into zombies makes the task easier.



Herring: oil applications

Successful treatment which keeps patients out of hospital is an important consideration, since the total bill for the NHS of treating schizophrenic patients is £396 million a year, much of it in-patient costs.

In an acute episode, the anti-psychotic treatment may take two or three weeks to become effective. Risperidone, as well as having less severe side-effects, also acts more quickly than do the longer-established preparations. Whatever the drugs chosen, the maximum response from them may not be achieved until after six months or even longer. The older anti-psychotic drugs, such as Largactyl, have a heavy sedative action. Nowadays, when sedation is required, doctors often consider that it is better to give another drug separately to achieve this, rather than relying upon the side-effect of the principal anti-psychotic drug.

Patients naturally object to the "liquid cosh" action of the older drugs which doctors have relied upon for the past 30 or 40 years.

Despite all the efforts of doctors and public-relations companies, as well as the efforts of sufferers and their families, schizophrenia remains poorly understood by the general public. It is still common to hear the term used to describe people with a gross personality defect, particularly if they have a Jekyll-and-Hyde temperament.

Schizophrenia is probably not a single disease but several different disorders which have similar symptoms. Together they form the most common psychotic illness.

Tragically, schizophrenia affects young people and usually starts in later adolescence or early adult life. Both sexes are affected equally but in women it tends to start slightly later than in men. Schizophrenia is more frequently found in some racial groups and in some families.

A pain in the joints

AT A good dinner last weekend the conversation turned to gout. *Prescriber* magazine had recently reviewed the management of gout and my contribution to the party chatter was up to date.

Although gout is not caused by wining and dining too well, an acute attack can be triggered in those who are vulnerable by injudicious eating or drinking.

If the attacks of gout are frequent, and the patient has a persistently raised blood level of uric acid, or if there is any suggestion that the gout could be causing damage to either the joints or the kidneys, long term treatment with allopurinol Zyloric, if there is no contra-indication to its use, is needed. Side affects with allopurinol are rare, but occasionally it causes skin rashes or less frequently nausea. Care is needed when allopurinol is prescribed to anyone with kidney, or liver, disease.

Once the blood uric acid level has been brought, and kept, down to normal levels attacks of gout should be no more than a memory. A correct dose of allopurinol is important — the usual maintenance dose is between 200 and 300 milligrams daily.

Pills for prostates

DOCTORS, in their enthusiasm for detecting early cancer of the prostate, have recently tended to talk less about benign prostatic hypertrophy. The journal *Medical Monitor* has helped to redress the balance by discussing the data recently collected in America from a study of US veterans.

After the age of 50 it is usual for men's prostates to start enlarging and in some cases benign enlargement starts even earlier. As the prostate increases in volume it encroaches on the urethra, the tube leading from the bladder, so that urination becomes less easy, although more frequent, and nights are disturbed. With an enlarging prostate the urinary



Dribbling to a halt

stream is not so powerful and may be forked, some men may find it hard to start, and most difficult to finish so that they "dribble on". Occasionally the obstruction is complete and the bladder becomes painfully distended.

Treatment of a benignly enlarged prostate is usually by surgery, but in some cases surgery can be delayed by drugs, having ascertained with a blood test that there is no likelihood of malignancy.

The American study compared two groups of drugs which work in different ways: the prostate-shrinking drugs like finasteride Proscar and the prostate-relaxing drugs such as terazosin Hytrin. The evidence appears to support the view that is already gaining acceptance that finasteride is useful when the prostate is appreciably enlarged, but otherwise terazosin is likely to be the drug of choice.

Couples who follow on

DOCTORS when recording the history of a patient always ask for details of their parents. Frequently, the patient says that the death of their father or mother precipitated it in the other. It has been disputed whether this is a genuine observation, or merely a myth.

Recently a Finnish survey has confirmed that after the death of a spouse the remaining partner does have an increased risk of dying. The research showed that in the first week after a person's death there was a 50 per cent greater than would be expected death rate in the spouse. After six months, the rate dropped to 20 per cent in men and 10 per cent in women. Although in many cases the bereavement must have contributed to the death of the spouse the figures may be confounded by incidental causes.



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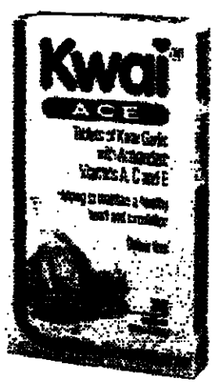
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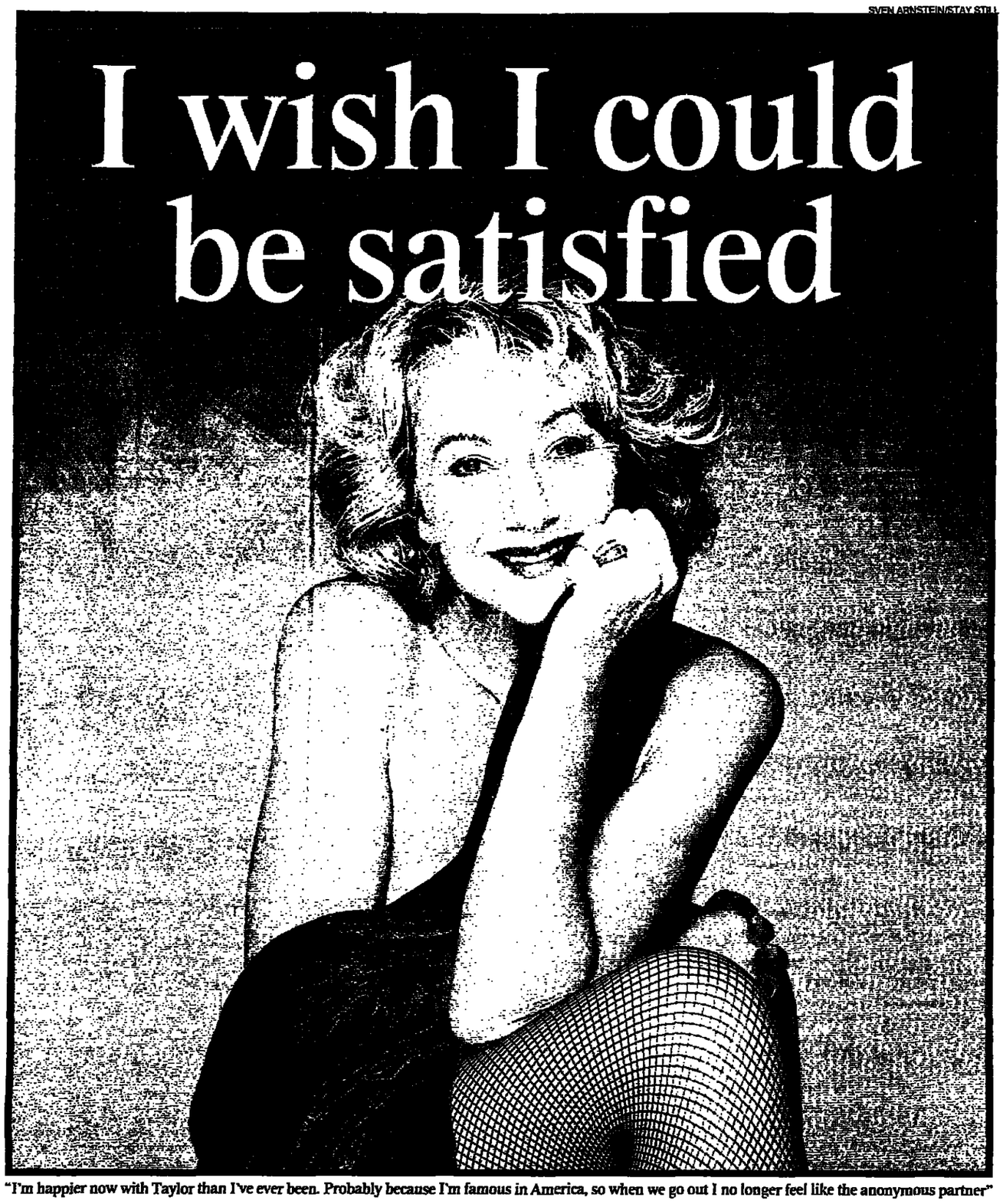
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Noreen Taylor finds the complex, entertaining Helen Mirren is still in her prime at 50

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"I'm happier now with Taylor than I've ever been. Probably because I'm famous in America, so when we go out I no longer feel like the anonymous partner"

On the night before we met in Dublin, I had watched Helen Mirren skipping down the aisle in stockinged feet, shoes in one hand, the other held high in salute to the standing ovation greeting her as she strode on stage to take her bow at the premiere of *Some Mother's Son*.

A blur of peachy blonde glamour in tight red silk, it seemed impossible to believe this was the same woman we had watched minutes before on screen, portraying the mother of an Irish hunger striker in all her drab, bleak-faced torment.

Aside from her looks, Helen Mirren at 50 is a woman with much to celebrate. A highly esteemed career that has spanned stage, film and television for more than 25 years must bestow its own long, warm glow of achievement.

Having survived the glamour-girl persona of her 20s at the RSC ("you mean, when I was known as the sex queen of Stratford") she has put that firmly to rest and won public esteem as an actress of quality and talent.

She appeared proud and happy at her achievement. As thrilled presumably as she had been the previous week in Los Angeles when awarded the Emmy for her portrayal of senior detective Jane Tennison in the television series *Prime Suspect*.

But the gushing behaviour and words deemed appropriate to public award ceremonies often prove as illusory as dry ice. Contentment and pride are apparently virtual strangers to Helen Mirren. Without hesitation she admits to being one of those people who is barely on speaking terms with either emotion.

Over morning tea in Jury's Hotel, she sits, hugging the corner of a sofa, trying to explain, struggling to understand the dilemma that haunts her. "I wake up in the morning sometimes, wanting to retire from my own ambition. 'Let me go,' I say, 'please, just let me go! Haven't I done enough, proved enough to myself? Can't I be left in peace now?' "

She continues berating herself: "Why am I still eaten up with envy at what everyone else is doing? Why always the continuous anxiety, the worry, the one eye over the shoulder wondering what's around, worrying who's been offered what? God, I wish I wasn't like that. I'd give anything to know what satisfaction feels like.

"So you see, it doesn't matter how wonderful everything looks. If it doesn't feel that way on the inside, then it doesn't exist. Take that award ceremony in Los Angeles. Do you know what I was thinking as I was standing there? 'Well, here you are with the Emmy in your hands. Is this it then? Is this as good as it gets?'

"Why didn't this prove to me that I had achieved something, that I'd been recognised? None of those thoughts was going through my head. Instead there was this feeling of 'so here you are standing up here with this tatty old piece of brass, feeling like the dog's dinner'. Perhaps it's this profession which leaves you with the constant sense of wanting, ensuring you never find fulfilment.

"If you ask what my self-image of myself is, well it's that of a struggling actress. That's honestly how I perceive myself."

She unfolds herself from the sofa and walks to a table where a pot of tea has been left. I admire the high-maintenance looks: the glossy, blonde bob, the slim, erect, exercised body, the lightly tanned skin. The impression is not of one who looks great at 50, but that of a rather dishy woman of no discernible age.



Mirren, left, in the film *Some Mother's Son*

'I wake up sometimes wanting to retire from my ambition'

Are her doubts, insecurities and uncertainties not accepted as part of the creative person's package? "Maybe dissatisfaction is endemic to certain professions," she says. "Except I didn't know it was going to turn out like this. By now, I'd hoped, I'd be able to concentrate on a spiritual life, enjoy my garden, my life with Taylor in Los Angeles, and put the rigours of that early stage, the material life behind me."

About 11 years ago, Helen moved to LA to live with Taylor Hackford, the director she'd met while filming *White Knights*. When asked at the time if she was not wasting her formidable theatre talents by opting for domestic exile in La-La land, she replied firmly: "It's not a waste. It's my life. I came to realise that I wasn't going to sacrifice the whole of my life to work."

"Yes, I remember saying that." She smiles ruefully. "Taylor was the first man for whom work followed love. Not once did I say to a man, before Taylor, all right darling, I'll stay with you and not go to Australia. But with Taylor I gave work up, mostly for him, although partly because I'd become so disenchanted with Thatcher's greedy, selfish Britain.

"And it was awful, awful at first. I wasn't enjoying the bucolic Californian country life everyone imagined. I'd become the raging unsuccessful actress constantly wailing, 'No one knows me. It's all over.' Snivelling into my pillow every night, consumed with self-pity and totally disoriented.

"I'd always seen myself as one of those freewheeling spirits, unhampered by material possessions, able to adapt to whatever environment I found myself in. Then it dawned on me. I was suffering from loss of territory. Like a bird without a branch, I was perched in Taylor's city, in Taylor's house, with Taylor's pictures on the wall, and I minded."

That their relationship survived is, Helen admits, a testament to their love. "I'm happier now with Taylor than I have ever been. Probably because I'm famous in America through *Prime Suspect*, so when we go out I no longer feel like the anonymous partner. Pathetic isn't it? And I so wish it wasn't the case."

The self-knowing smile is swiftly replaced by a look of alarm as I remind her of how she once admitted to waking up early every morning in order that she and Taylor might make love. "Mmm, well time has to be made, so why not? Although I think I said that to spice up one of those *Day in the Life* interviews.

"Taylor and I have been together 12 years, so of course that kind of all-devouring physical lust is not as demanding as it once was. When we met it was as though I was surfing a wave. Now I'm rolling on one. Then it wasn't at all psychologically peaceful, unlike now. I miss him a great deal when we're apart."

The sex-kitten tag lived on throughout the Seventies when Ms Mirren also became known as the film actress most likely to get her kit off without too much ado. She lived a life, it seemed, of careless, free-wheeling modernity.

"Between 18 and 30 were the worst years of my life. I tried never to show it by just getting on with things, but during those decades I cried myself to sleep most nights simply because I felt afraid of what was ahead, of the unknown. I've talked about this to other women and found that it was similar for them.

"Odd, isn't it, when you consider that at the time you're at your physical best, in reality there is all the misery and fear of wondering what is to become of you. Yet I never wanted to live within the security of a marriage. Nor did I, or do I, want children. Despite fear, there was always the seduction of potential excitement, of a life out there. Always so much to explore."

Former partners are often, she says, "still my mates". It was one of them, Liam Neeson, who suggested she take Terry George's script of *Some Mother's Son* to a Hollywood studio.

"Predictable and depressing," she calls British press headlines alluding to "Helen's IRA movie". She says: "Of course the film's controversial, but it's a controversy that must be addressed. There is no way I would take part in a film that makes heroes out of IRA bombers. This is a story, one that is universal, illustrating human agony, the love of mothers for their sons."

The film, a fictionalised account of the 1981 hunger strike that took place in North-

'My image of myself is that of a struggling actress, honestly'

ern Ireland's Maze prison, when ten men died, comes from the group of Irish film producers responsible for *In the Name of the Father*.

"We British people, we've been kept in the dark about Ireland. I realised that I actually knew very little of the situation in the north, since all my information came from the British side. I'd always looked away, believing there had never been discrimination in favour of Protestants. How could discrimination have gone on in our fair-minded society? At least now the Irish have a chance to tell their own history, and, of course, we British are not going to welcome a view that paints us as less than heroic."

As for everyone's heroine, Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison, she says: "I'm afraid it's goodbye Jane. When work has been that rewarding, to stretch it out merely weakens the plot's timing, its dynamic. I'd hate anyone to get bored with her." Bored with the complex, entertaining Ms

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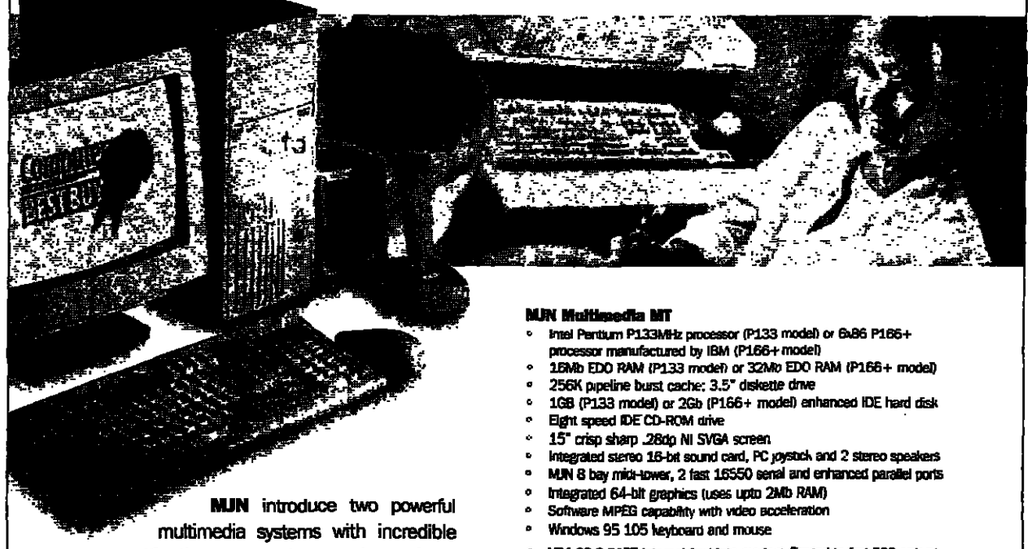
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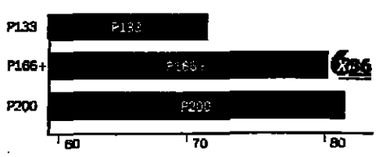


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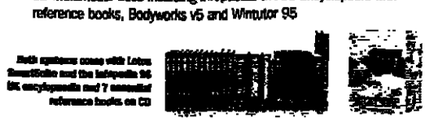
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Europe's unholy alliance

Separatists and federalists are wrong to undermine the nation state, says **John Redwood**

Malcolm Rifkind's warning yesterday that European currency union could cause new tensions between European countries is timely. We have already seen a spat between Germany and Italy, when a German minister stated the obvious: that Italy would not qualify for the euro. There are also some signs of strain between Chancellor Kohl and President Chirac, as they pore over the recalcitrant numbers of their economies to see if they can steady them for the shock of monetary union. They should also heed the dangers from regional and separatist movements.

Last week saw Umberto Bossi's declaration of a new country called Padania to take Venice and the Po valley out of Italy. Many federalists will welcome Signor Bossi's media stunt. They will say it proves that a Europe of the regions is being born whether we like it or not. Signor Bossi, after all, made clear that he wants a free Lombardy in a more united Europe. He implies that he would welcome more government from Brussels, to complement no government from Rome.

Signor Bossi is the product of the plans for monetary union. Because monetary union requires high interest rates, high exchange rates and budget cuts in countries such as Italy, it spawns high unemployment. Signor Bossi speaks for all those Northern Italians who feel their economy is being held back, who believe it can do better. He offers them the wrong explanation for the right problem.

He tells them that the pasta is being taken out of their mouths by the South. If only the North did not have to pay all those extra taxes to help the South, its people would be so much better off. Freed of the shackles of paying tribute to Sicily and subsidising Campania, he tells the northern people they would soar to prosperity. Many northerners have been unhappy about the South for a long time. They warm to Bossi when he tells them they need no longer see Naples and pay.

There are Bossis all over Western Europe. The mass unemployment generated by preparations for monetary union on the Continent makes it easy to recruit to their causes. In Spain, the electorate have given the Catalan nationalists strong support. Their grouping in Parliament has turned a fairly sceptical Prime Minister Aznar into a Euro-enthusiast, as he josties to keep their votes and bargains over how much authority to devolve to Barcelona. In Germany, the Bavarian south is reluctant to pay the bills for German union. The Basque separatists are happy with the way the European Union is going: and some Scottish nationalists adopt Bossi-type rhetoric.

The irony of all this is that swapping the authority of Madrid or Rome or Berlin for that of Brussels will not solve the problems. Only floating exchange rates, lower interest rates and fewer regulations would do that. Were Signor Bossi to succeed in his aim, the new Padania would be a fellow region of the rest of Italy, of eastern Germany, of north-eastern France, of the Portuguese and Greek regions in the new Europe. Not only would Padanians still have to pay many of the bills in southern Italy (through enlarged EC regional programmes), but they would have to shoulder the same burden for the poorer parts of Germany, France and Iberia. Far from casting off a burden, they would have assumed new ones. The alliance between regional movements and Brussels would shatter, when the followers came to see they had been cheated.

Signor Bossi is an enthusiast for the single currency. He should think carefully before pushing this argument. Join the euro, and any control over the economy of the Po valley which Italy or Lombardy once had passes to Frankfurt. Join the euro, and you are stuck with an exchange rate and an interest rate not of your choosing, which may not be right for your local economy. It may cause inflation or unemployment, and there will be nothing you can do about it.

> Brussels and the regional movements will realise they are not natural allies

One day both Brussels and the regional movements will wake up to the reality that they are not natural allies. It is an alliance of convenience. At the moment both sides want to undermine nations. If they succeed, they will end up as enemies. Brussels will come to see that attacking national authority will make it more difficult, not less, to establish a new, supra-national authority at European level. Unleashing the forces of regionalism in Yugoslavia did not lead people to recreate the Habsburg Empire to solve the problem. It led to a splintering into ever smaller parts, and to elections in Bosnia revealing that many would like something smaller than Bosnia.

The regions will come to see that substituting Brussels for Rome or Madrid is not the answer. It would make them feel smaller and less significant, rather than more powerful and more in control of their own destinies. In the United States it took a voracious Supreme Court and a Civil War to establish the authority of the centre over the states: and they all shared a common language and had many common aspirations.

Europe should beware. Encouraging too much regional separatism will be dangerous to all authority, while encouraging too much central government from Brussels is the opposite of what the European economies need to survive and flourish. Malcolm Rifkind's speech was much wiser than Signor Bossi's policies.



ZURICH, 1946



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Last of the Brahmins

Even at Kennedy's Camelot, McGeorge Bundy shone — but Vietnam finished him and his elite

McGeorge Bundy, who died in Boston on Monday, was probably the ablest of all the young men in the Kennedy White House. He was also the last of the true Brahmins, the last person of a certain American background to exercise great power in American affairs. When he left his post as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, in December 1965, it marked nearly the end of a particular tradition in American public life. Of course there have been similar people in Washington since — one could even say that President Bush was one of them — but their role has been different.

McGeorge Bundy was a proper Bostonian who believed with few doubts in the role he had inherited, and filled it out with a remarkable intelligence. George Bush did indeed also belong to Skull and Bones when he was at Yale, but could only limp into the White House under the pretence of being a Texan. In any case, McGeorge Bundy was a Lowell on his mother's side. He was the best: he was the brightest; he was the right stuff; he was the real thing. He had those qualities that mock the fates, and in the end the fates mocked him back.

In 1969, David Halberstam, the *New York Times* journalist, wrote his bestselling book, *The Best and the Brightest*, about the Kennedy White House. He asked the question: "What went wrong?" His summary of what went wrong for McGeorge Bundy still reads convincingly. "McGeorge Bundy was a rationalist in an era which saw the limits of rationalism and which rekindled the need for political humanism . . . but above all he was a man of the Establishment, the right people deciding on the right policies in the right way. He believed in the capacity and right of an élite to govern on its terms.

"The [Vietnam] war changed all that; it not only tarnished his personal reputation so that his endorsement of an idea or a candidate had to be done covertly, but it saw a major challenge to the right of the élite to rule . . . the years had made all the other political groups in the country aware of just how little a part they played in foreign policy, and by the end of the decade, the outlanders, Negroes, women, workers were determined to play a greater role: they had reached the moat and were pressing on."

In 1961, when John F. Kennedy appointed McGeorge Bundy to what was later to be Henry Kissinger's White House post under President Nixon, Henry Brandon was the *Sunday Times* correspondent in Washington. He was by far the best connected of the British correspondents of that time, a close friend of the Kennedy family, of the leading Democrats, and of McGeorge Bundy himself. When Henry first introduced me, Bundy was still fresh from his very successful period as Dean of Harvard, a post to which he had been appointed in 1953 when he was only 34. He was a famous Dean of Harvard; who is the Dean of Harvard now?

William Rees-Mogg

The Kennedy White House was both glamorous and exciting. It was easy to be bewitched by Camelot, and most people were. But there was no doubting the quality of McGeorge Bundy's intelligence. He had every policy ready to mind; he seemed to have considered all the possibilities from a viewpoint that was moderate but realistic. He was not a politician himself; indeed he was a nominal Republican, and had voted for Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956. He was also a sympathetic personality, who enjoyed giving a briefing to a young foreign journalist as he must have enjoyed teaching his students at Harvard.

He came from a privileged Establishment childhood. He was something of a legend at Groton, which is sometimes called the American Eton. He graduated, *summa cum laude*, when he was only 16. As I remember him from the early 1960s, he still had that sort of youthful cleverness: he was certainly entertaining, and at Henry Brandon's dinner table was a stimulating conversationalist. In those days, with Kennedy as President, this Harvard style, a combination of intellect, liveliness, public duty, patriotism and often family tradition, seemed an attractive future for American government. It was a New England style, and McGeorge Bundy had an element of the intellectual puritanism of the old New England society. He was himself a philo-Semitic Wasp, because he thought Jews often had the qualities of energy and intelligence which he most admired, and that brought him close to a number of Jewish journalists including the columnist Walter Lippmann.

After the assassination of Kennedy in the autumn of 1963, Bundy stayed on to serve Lyndon Johnson. The new President disliked and distrusted what he called "Georgetown intellectuals"; he was jealous of all those who had been close to the Kennedys. Even in our journalistic terms, Louis Heren of *The Times* was well in with LBJ, and Henry Brandon, as a friend of the Kennedys', was out. But the new President was impressed by McGeorge Bundy, by his sheer youthfulness, by his skills, by the quickness of his mind. Later the jealousies showed through, and by December 1965 Johnson was glad to see him go. Lady Bird Johnson gushed: "We're going to miss Mac like a big front tooth." but she did not mean what she said.

McGeorge Bundy went each step of the way into the Vietnam War in the Kennedy and early Johnson years. He was there when the first "advisers" were committed; he was there when Diem was overthrown and killed; he was there when, at Kennedy's death, American forces reached 16,000; he was there for the Gulf of Tonkin resolution. He did come to have his doubts, and was eventually replaced as Special Adviser by Walt Rostow, a Vietnam fanatic. Bundy was never that. Later he came to question the whole Vietnam policy. By 1967 he was opposed to the war, though he remained quiet about it, partly because of his own past involvement, partly because his brother William was in the State Department, still carrying responsibility for the policy.

His close friend Kingman Brewster, the President of Yale, and later Ambassador in London, made a revealing comment on what the Vietnam War meant in Bundy's career. "Mac", he said in 1968, "is going to spend the rest of his life trying to justify his mistakes on Vietnam." He did not quite do that, but Vietnam finished him as an influential public figure. His career afterwards was elevated but disappointing. The last 30 years of his life in no way reflected the promise of the first 45. He must have seen himself as a failure.

The Vietnam War did to America what the Somme did for Britain; it destroyed the confidence of the public in the competence of the élite, and destroyed the confidence of the élite in itself. The personal tragedy of McGeorge Bundy's life reflected a much broader failure of his class, of his beliefs, of his whole concept of public affairs. The wisdom of Harvard Yard and Martha's Vineyard had turned out not nearly adequate to deal with the modern world.

David Halberstam was right to emphasise the rising influence of blacks and women in the America of the 1960s; the whole politically correct culture has developed from that. He failed to see the significance of Lyndon Johnson as the first of the new southern or western presidents. Before 1964 there had never been a president from Texas, and only one from California, Herbert Hoover. Since 1964 two elections have been won from Texas, four from California, one from Georgia, and one from Arkansas. Wealth, votes and power have shifted from the north and east to the south and west, and no northern state has been able to elect a president in 30 years. The élites of Boston and New York have not lost their money, but they have lost their political clout. The Harvard culture of Kennedy and Bundy seemed in 1961 to be a vital part of the future of America; it has proved not to be. Indeed that culture now seems to be in almost complete decline in terms of power, swamped by the new forces of a changing American society. That élite did suffer from failures of imagination, of humility and humanity, as élites always do. But this was one of the world's high cultures; the steepness of its decline has been a tragedy, not just for McGeorge Bundy, but for America itself.

Gangsta rap's Al Capone

Quentin Letts on the squalid cult of Tupac Shakur

Black is killing black in America, and the rest of the United States looks on with indulgence. Two rap music gangs, staffed by gold-bejewelled heavies, are engaged in a bitter turf dispute. You need only Italianise the names of the participants — they already have the wide-brimmed wardrobes and the slick sedans — and it could be Chicago in the 1920s.

In an audacious "hit", a white Cadillac drew up alongside a convoy of 10 limousines which were transporting the "gangsta rap" star Tupac Shakur and his bulky record company boss, Marion "Suge" Knight along Las Vegas's Flamingo Boulevard. A handful of men with machine-guns jumped out and pumped a small arsenal's worth of bullets into Shakur and Knight's BMW. Shakur, 25, whose records sold in their tens of millions (no fringe act, this) and who was one of the top-earning singers in the world, was fatally wounded.

The attack is thought by police to be the latest in a feud between Knight's company, Death Row Records of Los Angeles, and a bunch of New York rivals. That theory is hard to test, owing to the code of omerta being observed by those who saw the incident. The bodyguards accompanying the limousines have declined to help police with their inquiries.

Five days after Shakur died, a sizeable section of black America went in to the sort of keening routine one used to expect from toothless old women in Sean O'Casey plays. Vigils formed outside the hospital, mourning parties assembled in Shakur's childhood home in Brooklyn, and figures such as the Rev Al Sharpton and the Rev Jesse Jackson gave sorrowful tributes. Jackson, who visited Shakur in hospital before he died, said that the rapper — who had a criminal record for sodomising a young woman against her wishes — chose to "project the pain in the culture". Another street obituarist said: "He told the world how hard it is to be black in America today."

A more threatening response came from an anonymous source close to the rap world who spoke to *Newsweek* and, using a word no white dare deploy, predicted: "You will start seeing Negroes *drop* real soon." Stanley Crouch, a black columnist in the New York *Daily News*, courageously called Shakur "a charismatic celebrator of scum".

Gangsta rap is that genre of anti-authoritarian music which involves the performer, usually a black man, shouting close-rhymed words of rebellion into a microphone held too close to the mouth. For white folk, the lyrics often need translation. It is only then that you find out what Jesse Jackson means by "projecting the pain". Because the words are hard to understand, whites tend to excuse them as "black culture". The former American Vice-President Dan Quayle and the former Education Secretary Bill Bennett have in the past attacked Shakur and his ilk for inciting violence against the police, but their words went unheeded. Rap is black, and so untouchable.

Tupac Shakur rapped about murder, drugs and gangland rivalry, giving the impression that he approved of anti-police violence, wife-stealing and bully-boy boasting. It is a thoroughly unpleasant style, and is about as useful to aspiring young blacks as a noseful of cocaine.

Shakur may have sung about the ghetto and its miseries, but he himself had attended a respectable drama school in Baltimore, only to retreat to the underworld because it made good financial sense.

The bodyguards' refusal to co-operate with the police has been swallowed without demur by the authorities and liberal America, as has the fact that someone sprayed bullets in front of pedestrians on a crowded Las Vegas street. At the time of the attack, Shakur and Knight were riding to Knight's nightclub, called 662 (which on American phones spells out the word "MOB"). Shakur himself had survived one assassination attempt, and seemed hypnotised by crime. He had the words "THUG LIFE" tattooed on his stomach, and liked to pick fights. On the evening of the attack, he and his mates were caught by a video camera kicking and thumping a lone man in a hotel lobby. No one stopped him, just as no one stopped Al Capone.

Americans appear to have difficulty seeing the obvious: that gangsta rap is gangsters' rap and the product of a group of criminals who are dangerously out of hand. It has nothing to do with the way the majority of black Americans live — working hard for a quiet life with warm homes, educated children and a pension — but they should take some blame for not disowning the rapping mob. The Clinton Administration has uttered not a word of criticism, but that is perhaps less surprising.

It has been left to the apologists. The Rev Herbert Daughtry of Brooklyn, taking a memorial service for the lead rap star on Sunday, went so far as to compare Shakur to Martin Luther King. They were both revolutionaries against injustice, he said. It is hard to think of a greater injustice than that claim, or to imagine a black American who stood further from King's dream that the late and lamentable Tupac Shakur.

High light

THE HOLLYWOOD muscle man and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger has bought one of New York's best-known skyscraper restaurants and intends to turn it into a cigar-smoking club for his friends.

Mr Schwarzenegger, who is seldom happier than when he has a fat stogie between his lips, paid an undisclosed fortune for the lease on the 39th floor Top of the Sixes restaurant, overlooking Fifth Avenue in Midtown Manhattan.

After decoration work it will reopen as the Grand Havana Room, for members only. It will reproduce the Grand Havana Room in Beverly Hills, a runaway success in recent years, as cigar lovers, persecuted by anti-smoking zealots, have had to retreat to private clubs. Ironically, the speakeasy-style nature of such clubs has helped to spark a revival in cigar smoking.

Membership of the Manhattan Grand Havana Room, to cost $3,000 a year, will be by invitation only. Actor friends of Mr Schwarzenegger such as Robert De Niro, Mel Gibson and Al Pacino already belong to the Los Angeles branch, as do Meat Loaf, Whoopie Goldberg and Sharon Stone. Members will have their own humidors, and an extensive "menu" will feature cigars from around the world.



Cigar time with Arnie

● *Batsman Brian Lara named his newborn baby daughter yesterday. The ten-day-old girl will be called Sydney — after the test ground where the West Indian star hit his first Test century.*

Piquant

THE TIDE of republicanism Down Under may turning. In what is believed to be a colonial breakthrough, a first cousin of the Queen is to marry an Aussie.

Matthew Colman, 30, is a scion of the mustard family, and his mother, Lady Mary Colman, is a niece of the Queen Mother. He is to marry Jane Johnston, 31, a Sydney girl who arranges flowers in East London. They will live near his family home in Norfolk, where he makes garden furniture.

The Queen is unlikely to go to the spring wedding in Sydney, says plummy Colman. "But we'll be having a big party back in Norfolk which we hope she will be more likely to attend."

Arch rival

THE CONSERVATIVES are resorting to desperate measures to bolster the troops at this year's party conference. In an attempt to recreate the tub-thumping enthusiasm of the Thatcher years, they have brought the former party chairman Lord Parkinson out of retirement.

Surprising though it may seem, Parkinson was a most popular chairman, and he has been asked to step on to the stage as chief "fundraiser" and rabble-rouser just before the Prime Minister makes his speech.

For many years, this has been Lord Archer's task. Even so, I can't believe the rumour that Archer refuses because he failed to land a ministerial job — he was after Heritage — in the last reshuffle.

● *Old Labour took a turn round the floor on Tuesday night at the launch of Brian Brivati's new biography of Hugh Gaitskell. Baroness Castle for one was in unforgiving mood, castigating Gaitskell's "cold calculating intolerance" towards the rumbustious Bevan — whom she called "a political poet, with a vision which inspired people, and a Churchillian command of language". The best thing she could say about Gaitskell, on the other hand, was that he was "a damn good dancer".*

THE TIMES DIARY

Doleful

THE DEATH of Spiro Agnew, Nixon's disgraced Vice-President, could not have come at a worse time for Bob Dole and the Republican Party. As the most senior Republican, Dole will have to put in an appearance at Agnew's funeral, which is unlikely to be as forgiving an affair as Nixon's.

Not only will Agnew's death revive memories of an ignominious time in the Republicans' history, it will take a day out of Dole's frantic campaign for the presidency.

Tow bad

MENTION the magazine *Country Life* to Princess Margaret's son Viscount Linley and the response may be a low growl — followed perhaps by a baring of teeth. On Tuesday night, he attended the Laurent Perrier *Country Life* Awards in his capacity as a judge.



Within minutes of arrival he appeared distracted, saying he had lost his wife Serena, who had popped out to fetch something from the car — a handsome Audi convertible. Not long afterwards, he too disappeared in the direction of his motor. He found his wife, but the car had been towed away.

I last saw them getting into a taxi. "Paddington car pound please," shouted Linley, before disappearing into the night to hand over his £135.

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RIFKIND'S EUROPE

A slow awakening to the dangers of monetary union

Not long ago, British politicians latched onto the concept of flexibility in EU policy-making, seeing it as the passport to a European Union in which Britain could feel at ease. By suggesting that EU members could agree to differ over the pace and intensity of European integration, it appeared to promise Britain an escape from the battered metaphors of catching trains.

Increasingly, however, it has become apparent that France and Germany see flexibility as a way of brushing dissent aside and pressing ahead with policies which would make Britain's position in Europe even more uncomfortable. Yesterday in Zurich, Malcolm Rifkind admitted the danger and attempted to head it off by defining flexibility. Decisions, he said, must be "open to all, agreed by all".

The catalyst that has quickened anxiety in London is monetary union. The closer EMU looms, the more questionable the protections afforded by flexibility appear. The opt-out secured by John Major at Maastricht was a model of flexibility in operation; but no opt-out can be guaranteed to shield Britain from the worst effects of a single currency on Europe. However great may be the advantages of Britain remaining outside the euro-zone, the gain is relative and must be set against two broader dangers.

The first is that deflation and the attendant ills of high unemployment in France and Germany, Britain's most important European markets, will damage British exporters both directly and by feeding protectionist pressures. French threats earlier this year of penalties to prevent those outside EMU "polluting the system" and profiting from "unjustified windfalls" are probably only a mild precursor of quarrels to come. EMU could unpick the single market and put Europe at an even greater competitive disadvantage against global competition than it already suffers.

The second danger, which is even more important, is that the practical effect of EMU could be precisely the contrary of its proclaimed purpose of promoting political as well as economic cohesion. Among EMU members, Germany's demands for tight fiscal discipline are likely to poison relations with its neighbours. In addition, even if France persuades Germany to fudge the Maastricht convergence criteria, half the EU's existing members, and almost all the dozen countries in the queue to join, will fail to come near to qualifying for years to come.

A single currency that split the EU between insiders and outsiders could do enormous damage to Britain's wider interest in the security and prosperity of the European continent. Mr Rifkind stressed its potential to deepen political conflict among the Governments and peoples of Europe yesterday, arguing that "such a divided EU was not what the Founding Fathers had in mind". Europe's history, he said, was rich in examples of the failure to learn that political co-operation developed organically, and that efforts to force the pace would founder on popular resistance.

EMU, as Mr Rifkind said, is not an optional ornament of European Union, as the Schengen accord on frontier controls could be said to be; it is "a massive change in the concept of what the EU was meant to be about", involving the most fundamental policy decisions taken by any government. The Foreign Secretary is a reliable political weathervane. If a consensus is indeed developing in the Cabinet that EMU will be a disaster for Britain, whether or not it joins, the Government has until 1998 to build a coalition within the EU against bending the rules to allow a small group of countries to go ahead.

This will be enormously difficult; the habit of thinking that if France and Germany want something to happen, it is unstoppable, is deeply ingrained. But when the final decision is taken in the spring of 1998, it must be by qualified majority. Britain keeps its right to vote, whether or not it has ruled out joining itself and, with the support of one other large EU country and a couple of small ones, could mount a blocking minority. Mr Rifkind did not attack the principle of EMU yesterday. To win allies among those who would be consigned to Europe's outer rim, he does not need to. Fears about how it will work in practice should be motive enough.

TEACH HOW TO TEACH

This new curriculum must not be sabotaged by ideologues

Improving the skills of teachers is a painfully slow process which starts with teacher training and reaches eventually into schools. Yet standards in education depend crucially on the quality of the teaching profession. Given the long time lag between reform and results, the reform of teacher training should have been the first item on the Conservative agenda. Instead, it has been the last.

Because it has taken 17 years for the Government to prescribe a sensible curriculum for teacher training colleges, a whole generation of children has suffered. But at least the next generation should gradually, as the new recruits trickle through, gain from the rigour that the curriculum is intended to instil.

For instance, it is extraordinary that 40 per cent of new teachers claim that they are ill-equipped for the classroom at the end of their training. They have not been properly taught how to teach. Often they have been introduced to an array of techniques, without guidance as to which works best, and are left to make up their own minds on the basis of ideology rather than evidence.

As well as understanding which are the best methods, teachers must themselves be well schooled in the subjects that they have to teach. In the second half of primary school, in particular, there is a shortage of subject teachers in important areas such as mathematics. All teachers also need a sound grasp of spelling, syntax and grammar if they are to impart that knowledge to their pupils. No students should be allowed to pass teacher training examinations unless they fully understand the rules governing the use of English. Because the current generation of students was taught by teachers who often themselves did not value grammar and spelling, much remedial work needs to be done.

The other area that teacher training courses must address is the curse of low expectations. "Could do better" is these days the least likely phrase to be seen on a primary school report. The emphasis instead is on boosting children's self-esteem by making them feel that any level of achievement deserves to be praised. Teachers should be trained to assess potential, and then to ensure that pupils live up to it, whatever their social background.

If this new curriculum is to work, it must be based on academic evidence from Ofsted, the inspection agency, on which teaching methods are most effective. The precedent of the national curriculum for schools suggests that the educational establishment likes to sabotage commonsense ideas for ideological ends. It is, therefore, cause for some concern that the Teacher Training Agency will be in charge of drawing up the new curriculum. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, should not give approval to it until she is convinced that the curriculum gives highest priority to teaching methods, such as phonics for reading, that have been shown by inspection evidence to work best.

Teacher training colleges must become pragmatic rather than ideological institutions, focusing on effective pedagogy rather than egalitarian ideals. Mrs Shephard's job now is to translate a worthy political intention into reality against a determined and cunning opposition.

THE BLUE ORANGES

Queen Beatrix is not afraid to speak her mind

The House of Orange has produced three generations of popular, strong-minded women who have symbolised the redoubtable spirit of The Netherlands, in war and peace. Their charisma has ensured that this dynasty, implanted in a country whose libertarian spirit would otherwise make it a natural republic, remains one of the most secure in Europe. Britain retains a warm memory of Queen Wilhelmina, the heroic voice in exile of her embattled nation. Her daughter, Juliana, seemed in the postwar years the epitome of the modern monarch, for whom the very phrase the "bicycling queen" was invented. And Queen Beatrix, more regal than her mother, has reintroduced a degree of distance and moral authority that is, perhaps, a necessary corrective to the demotic informality of monarchs on wheels.

Yet the House of Orange is now running into unaccustomed criticism, and discreet voices are asking whether the Queen is overstepping her severely circumscribed constitutional role. She has spoken out against the legalisation of homosexual marriages; she has called on her Government to do more to clean up the environment; and, more controversially, she has insisted on having the Dutch Ambassador to South Africa removed before she pays a state visit because she disapproves of his living with a woman who is not his wife.

The Dutch, notoriously liberal in sexual matters, have been taken aback by this whiff of Victorianism. It looks like a case of throwing stones in the royal glasshouse. For the Dutch royal family has also had its share of scandal and bad luck — not on the scale of the House of Windsor but enough to strain the limits of popularity. The Queen's father, a notorious philanderer, was publicly disgraced by the Lockheed affair; her husband, Prince Claus, suffered depression; and her son, Crown Prince Willem-Alexander, has been sowing wild oats by the bushel.

Queen Beatrix has clearly understood, however, that her own position must be above reproach; indeed, she is staking out the moral high ground not only to remind the Dutch of the strong national streak of Calvinist thinking but to articulate some of the older, more formal and more conservative virtues that have been overshadowed by postwar egalitarianism. The same, indeed, has been the case with Queen Silvia of Sweden, who has been outspoken in criticising her country's tolerance of child pornography. But if continental monarchies have less pomp and protocol than our own, they have shown that informality is no guarantor of universal popularity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Swiss bankers and fate of Nazi gold

From Mr John Leatham

Sir, It seems that the Gordian knot securing the gold pillaged by the Nazis (reports, September 14 and 17) will stay tied so long as there is talk of restoring the gold to its original owners or their successors. Is it not time to admit that agreement between possessors and claimants, whether individuals or states, is patently a phantom — and total disclosure no less?

A solution which might appeal to troublesome consciences, and perhaps has the merit of historical justice, would be to transfer the gold to the United Nations and other international organisations that exist to succour today's and tomorrow's refugees from man-made horrors.

Claimants might abandon their claims, however sound, and possessors of the hoards relinquish their hold over them, however secure, in the knowledge that the beneficiaries will be those suffering from man's continuing inhumanity to man.

Yours sincerely,
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September 18.

From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir, Mr Malcolm Rifkind is an able and authoritative negotiator. During his current visit to Berne he could help to redress a great injustice to the descendants of the Holocaust victims if he were able — as Mr H. H. Marcus suggests (letter, September 13) — to persuade the Swiss to lift banking secrecy on accounts in which there has been no movement for 50 years.

Changes in banking procedures and secrecy should be undertaken only in exceptional circumstances. The massive scale of the murder, torture and theft which characterised the Holocaust seems to me to justify such changes.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THOMPSON,
11 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh 9.
September 18.

From M André Maillard

Sir, I was shocked by your burst of indignation against Swiss bankers, who are supposed to lack any morality (leading article, "Tainted gold", September 11). It showed a complete lack of understanding for the real situation of Switzerland during the Second World War.

All the documents available will be released, both on gold transactions and on private deposits, and the joint commission set up earlier this year by the World Jewish Congress and the Swiss banks, and headed by Mr Paul Volcker, will report on the latter in due course. But some of the facts and the background are already established.

Most of the gold sold to us by the Germans (about 80 per cent, it seems) came from the Reichsbank to the Swiss National Bank in the form of ingots marked "Reichsbank" and backdated. How could the Swiss have determined its origin?

Furthermore, the Reichsbank was the central bank of the only German Government then in existence, and German forces were a threat all around Switzerland. Should Swiss bankers have behaved like toreadors brandishing their capes? This was certainly not the policy of the British until 1939.

In 1940, if not sufficiently prepared, Switzerland was at least better so than any other country on the Continent, which is the main reason why it escaped invasion. Do you resent that? Besides, the Swiss press (particularly the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, the newspaper of the Zürich financiers) was prompter than the British and very persistent in denouncing the Nazi regime. As Winston Churchill attested, Switzerland was among the most courageous of all European small countries.

Gold known to belong to another country was given back after the war. But what of the gold that the Bank of England still owes to Albania?

Yours faithfully,
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September 14.

Counter argument

From the Reverend F. J. McCarthy

Sir, For *latrunculus*, the suggested description of the Roman board game recently excavated at Stanway, Essex (report and photograph, September 6), the Lewis and Short Latin dictionary gives meanings of "highwayman, robber, freebooter, brigand" as well as "man or pawn in draughts or chess".

Can I suggest that "Cops and Robbers" might be a better name than "Little Soldiers"?

Yours faithfully,
F. J. McCARTHY,
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September 16.

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Slavery and the image of Liverpool

From Ms Marika Sherwood

Sir, It is difficult to understand the concern of historian Fritz Spiegl with the image of Liverpool ("Heritage dispute over Liverpool's slavery tours", report, September 9). An historian, I thought, tries to uncover and interpret facts, not create images.

I doubt that slaves were sold in sufficient numbers in Liverpool to merit iron rings on the Pier Head, simply because slaves would have fetched much higher prices as plantation labour in the Americas. But this does not exonerate Liverpool from dependence on slavery.

You also report another local historian, Mr David Hollett, as stating that the trade in Africans "only" represented 8.8 per cent of the city's trade; but your report does not reveal the exact year or period during the 100 years of the city's legal involvement in the trade (which ended in 1807) to which this figure applies.

Liverpool continued to build and equip slaving vessels until 1861 and built warships for the slave-holding confederate states during the US Civil War. Until slavery was finally abolished in the 1880s much of Liverpool's trade was with slave-holding countries in the Americas. The city's imports and exports both sustained the institution of slavery until just over 100 years ago.

Yours sincerely,
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September 9.

From Mr C. Grisenthwaite

Sir, In 1937, as a seven-year-old schoolboy, I was taken by my father to see the chain rings and slave scratchings in the old-fashioned arcade of Liverpool's Goree Piazzas, demolished in 1947, at the Pier Head. At the time of their demolition the widely held suspicion was that these relics were an embarrassment to some of the then large shipping dynasties.

It was the shrewd Liverpool merchants, undercutting their Bristol counterparts paying lower wages to captains and crews, which made Liverpool the dominant trader in the sad business of slavery. Today these practices would be applauded as good management practice.

Let me quote William Roscoe, the great Liverpool poet, educationist and philanthropist, from *The Wrongs of Africa* (1787):

Come thou, and weep with me substantial ills,
And execrate the wrongs that Afric's sons,
Torn from their natal shore and doomed to bear
The yoke of servitude in western climes ...

Yours faithfully,
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Boston Spa, West Yorkshire.
September 9.

From the Lord Mayor of Liverpool

Sir, The caption to the photograph which accompanied your report states that it shows a chained figure on a central Liverpool monument "said to reflect the slave trade".

In fact the monument in question, situated in the square at the back of Liverpool Town Hall and erected in 1813, commemorates Admiral Lord Nelson. The chained figures around its base represent prisoners of war taken at Nelson's four great victories of The Nile, St Vincent, Copenhagen and Trafalgar, and are in no way connected with the slave trade.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK DORAN,
Lord Mayor,
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September 12.

Advantage for 'stalking' defendant

From Mr Stephen Parish

Sir, It was disturbing to read that a defendant accused of "stalking" was permitted to leave the dock and sit in the lawyers' benches because he was defending himself ("In terror of the accused", Law, September 17).

The advantage of the dock in our system of justice is that it is non-discriminatory; all accused persons sit there, whether charged with murder or shoplifting, be they in custody or on bail. The occasional exception — such as last year's Maxwell trial, at which there was no dock in the courtroom — is reserved for complicated frauds that require defendants to be with their lawyers.

What should never happen is for a defendant to be given special privileges simply because he chooses to represent himself. Quite apart from the possible intimidation of the witness, it may raise the defendant's status in the eyes of the jury. Other defendants, who are represented, will appear to occupy an inferior position in the dock.

It is one thing to ensure that a defendant in person should be under no unnecessary handicap. It is quite another to confer upon him a positive advantage.

Yours faithfully,
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September 17.

Business and Labour

From the Chairman of the Rainbird Group plc

Sir, It is quite clear that Lord Hanson (article, September 10) has touched upon very sensitive issues, judging by the correspondence generated from shadow ministers and others in response to his remarks (letters September 12, 14, 16, 17).

As chairman of a family business I totally endorse his remarks on the Labour plans for the social chapter. The relative economic success that we currently enjoy is based on our competitiveness, which would be lost if we signed up to something that Germany and France slavishly adhere to, despite the adverse effect on their economies.

The level of unemployment in those two countries, far in excess of that in the UK, suggests that their example is not one to follow.

Labour's plans for education and training, with talk of "windfall" taxes, suggest yet more money would be put into training. This is not necessary. The success of the training and enterprise councils (Tecs), for instance, is testament to this, as witnessed by figures released on September 10 showing yet further increases in performance by these bodies.

When Tecs were formed in 1990 the cost to the Exchequer was £3 billion. This figure has been halved, with performance improving year over year ever since. These councils are cost-effective and part of a long-term plan which is now unfolding and beginning to show the rewards.

The work that Tecs do is not done in isolation but is an important ingredient of the drive towards increased competitiveness and the development of local economies.

The way forward, as Lord Hanson advocates, is to see that the £38 billion already spent on education is properly and wisely spent. The Tecs are a good example of how this can be done.

Yours faithfully,
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September 17.

Driving bans

From Mr Michael W. Brown, JP

Sir, You report moves to make driving disqualifications imposed domestically in member countries applicable in all other EU countries (September 14). In fact there is a similar anomaly nearer to home which needs to be dealt with first.

Last month the Sedgemoor Bench in Somerset disqualified a defendant for the offence of refusing a specimen. The defendant was a native of and resident in Northern Ireland.

In connection with the need to make the implications of the sentence of disqualification perfectly clear to the defendant, the court was advised that any ban which it imposed would, under the law as it stands, apply only in Great Britain — for once used with its correct meaning of England, Scotland and Wales.

In other words the defendant, although disqualified in mainland Britain, was entitled to return to Northern Ireland and drive there. Presumably the same is true in reverse.

Yours faithfully,
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Marrick, 5 Heaton Close,
Highbridge, Somerset.
September 14.

Pest-resistant genes

From Professor J. M. Lynch

Sir, The interesting account by Nigel Hawkes ("At war over the field of genes", Mind and Matter, September 9) of the potential risks of the genetically modified American maize which carries the insecticidal *Bacillus thuringiensis* gene makes no reference to another potential risk on the use of this gene in plants.

The life of chemical crop-protection agents is usually limited by resistance building up in the target pest population. Hitherto there has been very little evidence of resistance building up to biological agents, due to the pest's limited exposure to the agent.

However, the problem of carrying the gene in the plant is that no control over its expression is yet possible; so the insect population is continually exposed to the toxin. Resistance readily develops, jeopardising the use of this agent in crop protection. This is an important factor in considering the overall risk/benefit analysis of the exciting new developments in biotechnology.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. LYNCH,
University of Surrey,
School of Biological Sciences,
Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH.

Taking sides on Ford vs Clarke

From the Reverend Ian Gregory

Sir, The rattle of pots and kettles provides an apt background to the spat between Anna Ford and Kenneth Clarke on the *Today* programme (report, September 17). She was certainly over the top in her treatment of the Chancellor, but then, broadcasting media journalists are merely out to impress one another with the ferocity of their investigations. Otherwise they fear the fate of Peter Hobday, cast into the outer darkness for being simply too civilised.

But it ill behoves Dr Mawhinney to bleat about all this. How he and Kenneth Clarke can sponsor the vicious evil eyes posters, then complain about people being rude to them, is beyond belief.

How can we encourage our children to engage in rational debate about serious issues when politicians and radio starlets are constantly engaged in ego-boosting conflict over them?

Yours faithfully,
IAN GREGORY
(Founder, The Polite Society),
18 The Avenue, Basford,
Newcastle, Staffordshire.
September 17.

From Mr Oscar Beuselinck

Sir, What a reflection Dr Mawhinney casts on QC Cabinet ministers in complaining about unfairness in their treatment by BBC interviewers. Surely, by background and training, the likes of Mr Clarke do not need the help of a man who is not paid professionally, as Mr Clarke has been, to argue other people's cases.

Personally, I would be more impressed if BBC interviewers terminated peremptorily all interviews when politicians of whatever party fail to answer questions fairly put and instead answer another question of their own making.

Yours faithfully,
O. BEUSELINCK,
Davenport Lyons,
1 Old Burlington Street, W1.
September 17.

From Miss Dorothy Millham

Sir, I read your report on Anna Ford and the Kenneth Clarke interview with interest. It just shows it's all about perception. I heard the interview and thought the exact opposite.

Ms Ford hardly seemed able to get a word in edgeways. Mr Clarke ploughed on regardless. I thought they sounded very uncomfortable with each other and she was rather out of her depth.

Yours faithfully,
DOROTHY MILLHAM,
37 Gloucester Road, SW7.
September 17.

From Mr James Leigh

Sir, Good for Anna Ford — usually the most lightweight of interviewers. Ken Clarke can look after himself.

He made a mistake. So what? Thank God there are gifted and fluent politicians (too few) who can. Dr Mawhinney is far too thin-skinned. Write it off and get on with it. Labour are bound to make a gaffe tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES LEIGH,
Room E. H. E. Ward,
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, SW10.
September 17.

Housman library

From Professor Norman Page

Sir, Your leading article today marking the centenary of A. E. Housman's *A Shropshire Lad* is a reminder that when *Last Poems*, the only other collection of his poetry to be published in his lifetime, appeared in 1922, it was greeted on the morning of publication by a *Times* leader. It would be interesting to know how many other volumes of verse, before or since, have received a similar accolade.

Housman, who took a delight beyond even a textual editor's call of duty in drawing attention to errors in printed sources, would have pounced on the statement that he bequeathed "a collection of pornography to his university". Such a bequest would have been entirely out of character.

What happened was his library was sold after his death on the instructions of his literary executor (his brother, Laurence), but the works in question were not included in the sale; they were discreetly donated to Cambridge University Library, where they repose to this day without any formal indication of their original ownership.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN PAGE,
23 Braunston Road,
Oakham, Rutland.
September 18.

Road to fame

From Mr Paul Grimshaw

Sir, I was interested to read of Elaine Paige's success on Broadway (report, September 14). I note she gained acclaim in "the title role" of *Sunset Boulevard*.

If Ms Paige has the versatility to portray a Los Angeles thoroughfare, she is indeed to be congratulated. Perhaps she could follow up this triumph in the title role of *42nd Street*.

I am, yours faithfully,
PAUL GRIMSHAW,
Morgan's Orchard,
Claremont Terrace, York.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr George Marwick (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Orkney) at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Malcolm Dennison (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Orkney) which was held in St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, this afternoon.

The Princess Royal was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Mather.

The Lady Elton has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 18: The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning opened the New Yatt's Own Home Project, the Old Tip, Boddington Lane, North Leigh, Witney, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (Mr Hugo Brunner).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards attended a Rural Carers Event organised by the Carers Centre (North and West Oxfordshire) at West Oxfordshire College, Witney.

The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE - the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, this afternoon visited Chalmore House, Reading Road, Wallingford.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this evening attended a Reception at the Legal and General Assurance Society Limited, Knox Court, 10 Fitzalan Place, Cardiff, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR).

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 18: The Prince of Wales this evening held a Dinner at St John's College, Cambridge, for delegates and supporters of His Royal Highness's Business and the Environment programme.

YORK HOUSE
September 18: The Duke of Kent, President, the Engineering Council, this morning presented the prizes at the Young Engineers for Britain National Final, at Speedbird House, Heathrow Airport, Middlesex.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will attend the sixth session of the residential meeting, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Christ's College, Cambridge, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the RNLI, will visit the Marazion Lifeboat Station, Castle House, Cornwall, at 11.00; will visit the Lizard Lifeboat Station, Kilcobben Cove, at 12.40; the Falmouth Lifeboat Station, Tinners Walk, Port Pendennis, at 2.40; and the Fowey Lifeboat Station, Berrills Yard, at 4.20.

Greater London

Colonel Stephen Peter Feakes has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London.

Dinners

Clockmakers' Company
Air Vice-Marshal Peter Latham, Master of the Clockmakers' Company, presided, assisted by the Wardens, at a livery dinner held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley, Judge Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, and Mr Alderman Michael B. Savory, Renter Warden, also spoke.

***British Institute of* Non-Destructive Testing**
Dr W.E. Gardner, President of the British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing, presided at the annual dinner of the 35th British conference of the institute held last night at the Forte Posthouse Hotel, Erskine, Glasgow. Professor D. Schnitger, President of the German Society for Non-Destructive Testing, delivered a lecture.

Today's birthdays

Miss Kate Adie, broadcaster, 51; Sir Timothy Colman, KG, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, 67; Captain R.C. Cunningham-Jardine, Lord Lieutenant of Dumfries and Galloway, 65; Mr Justin Dukes, former managing-director, Channel 4 Television, 55; Mr Michael Elphick, actor, 50; Captain Jim Fox, pentathlete, 55; the Right Rev H.R. Gough, former Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, 91; Mr Richard Gray, director, Manchester City Art Galleries, 45; Mr Jeremy Irons, actor, 48; Sir Robert McCrindle, former MP, 67; Mr I.D. McGowan, librarian, National Library of Scotland, 51; the Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey, 82; the Countess of Mar, 56; Mr Charles Martin, Headmaster, Bristol Grammar School, 57; Mr Austin Mitchell, MP and broadcaster, 62; Mrs Penelope Mortimer, writer, 78; Mr Peter Murray, broadcaster, 68; Mr Derek Nimmo, actor, 64; Dr H.J. Plenderleith, FBA, antiquarian, 98; Professor Ferry Porsche, car designer, 87; Miss Zandra Rhodes, fashion designer, 56; Dr George Barclay Richardson, former Warden, Keble College, Oxford, 72; the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, 67; Professor Sir Geoffrey Slaney, surgeon, 74; Mrs Carolyn Steen, chairman, court of governors, Thomas Coram Foundation for Children, 56; Twiggy, former model and actress, 47; Professor C.J. White, director, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, 66; Sir Leonard Williams, former director-general for energy, Commission of the European Communities, 77; Dr Arthur Wills, composer, 70.

School news

Caterham School
The Autumn term began on September 5 and ends on Friday, December 13. Senior Prefect is Graham Wilson and Deputy Senior Prefects are Jane Wheeler, Captain of Hockey, and Martin Skinner, Captain of Rugby. Charlotte Barton and Isabel Knowles are Captains of Lacrosse. Extensions to Beech-Hanger, the girls boarding house and to the Pre-Prep have been completed. The new Sports Centre will be opened by Mr Sebastian Coe, OBE, MP, on November 7. Open mornings will be held on Saturdays, October 12, November 2 (6th form) and November 9. There will be a special open afternoon for Old Caterhamians on Saturday, November 9, to view the new school facilities. The Headmaster will host a welcome group from 1.00pm. For further details telephone 01883 343028. The Drama production *A Comedy of Errors* will be performed on December 10, 11 and 12 and the school Carol Service will be held on Sunday, December 8.

Tonbridge School
A series of public organ recitals is given each year on the new Marcussen organ (4 manuals, 66 stops) in the restored Tonbridge School Chapel. A brochure giving details of the second series (1996/7) may be obtained from The Facilities Manager, Tonbridge School, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1JP (tel: 01732 365555). Recitalists in this series include Dame Gillian Weir, Jane Watts, John Scott, Sarah Baldock, and David Williams.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for Business and City Editors.

British Red Cross
A reception and auction was held last night at Christie's, St James's, in aid of the British Red Cross. Mrs Elspeth Thomas, chairman, welcomed the guests. Mr Mike Whitlam, director general, and Mr John F. Gray, director of public affairs, also spoke.

Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, FRS

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, KBE, CB, Cdr US Legion of Merit, FRS, FEng, MA, will be held in Westminster Abbey on Friday, November 15, 1996, at noon. Applications for tickets accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, should reach the Ministry of Defence, PId (Cer) (RAF), Room 344, Adastral House, *Theobalds Road, London* WC1X 8RU, by not later than Monday, October 21, 1996. Applicants should state their connection with Air Commodore Whittle, or the organisation they represent, if applicable. Tickets will be issued 7-10 days before the Service. Applications should not be made to Westminster Abbey.

Mrs Judith Green

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Diana Judith Green will be held at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, Gloucestershire, on Thursday, October 10, 1996, at 3.00pm.

University news

Oxford
The Bristol-Myers Prize in Cardiology for 1996 has been awarded jointly to:
Christopher Mark Ball, New College; Kenneth Yui-Kong Wong, Green College.

DES JENSON



Adam James, 18, wearing his Wristbrace, a reusable splint for fractured wrists that won him the Young Engineer of the Year Award yesterday. The Wristbrace is a double-walled tube filled with gel and a hard outer casing fixed with velcro strips. Adam, from Y Pant Comprehensive School, Pontyclun, Mid Glamorgan, received his award from the Duke of Kent at Heathrow Airport

Memorial services

Sir Peter Green

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Peter Green, Chairman of Lloyd's of London, 1980-83, and former Chairman of Janson Green Holdings, was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated. Mr David Rowland, Chairman of Lloyd's of London, Mr Michael Payne, Chairman of Sedgwick Oakwood Lloyd's Underwriting Agents, and Mr John Green, brother, read the lessons. Mr Roger Sedgwick Rough, stepson-in-law, read a poem. Mr Richard Edmunds gave an address.
Among others present were:
Lady Green (widow), Mrs Roger Sedgwick Rough and Mrs Vicky Blair (stepdaughters), Mrs John Green (sister-in-law), Mr and the Hon Mrs James Green, Mr and Mrs Charles Bunbury, Mrs Elizabeth Mackinnon, Mr and Mrs Christopher Newall, Mr Jonathan Green, Mr William Maitland, Mr and Mrs Christopher Needham, Mr Marcello Ulivert, the Hon Mrs Jane Green.

Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Viscount Chelmsford, Viscount Marchwood, Viscountess Dilhorne, Lord Fanshawe of Richmond (chairman, Sedgwick Group) and Lady Fanshawe, Lord Denman, *Lady Susan de Meyer, the Hon Sir* Angus Ogilvy, the Hon Charles and Mrs Cecil, Sir Peter and Lady Miller, Sir Denis and Lady Mountain, Sir Frank Sanderson (William H McGee, New York).

Sir Dermot de Trafford, Sir Christopher Royden, Sir Bayley Laurie, Sir Christopher and Lady Royden, Sir Patrick and Lady Sinclair, General Sir John Akehurst (chairman of Governors, Harrow School) with Mr Neville Bomford (headmaster), Mr Michael Liddiard (bursar), and Mr and Mrs Roger Boissier, Sir Michael and Lady Vernon, Sir Bruce and Lady McPhail, Lady Wontner, Mr Raymond and the Hon Mrs Lisser, the Hon Guy Norrie.

Mr and Mrs Murray Lawrence, Mr and Mrs David Coleridge, Mr Frank Barber, Mrs Hazel Green, Ms Jane Green, Mr Ian Mackinnon, Mr and Mrs David Lloyd-Jones, Mr Michael Payne, Mrs J Woolley, Mrs Peter Maitland, Mrs Joy Hadfield, Mr Andrew Scott, Mr and Mrs John Bevan, Mr Adrian Ryan, Mr Lambert Coles, Mrs Peter Spratt, Mr Frank Elliott, Mr Ian Findlay, Mr Ian Church, Mrs Everard Hambro, Mr and Mrs Peter Hambro, Mr Peter Wright, Mr John Henderson, Mr Philip Bennett, Commander Colin Balfour.

Mr Michael Butt, Mr Robin Newman, Mrs Jeremy Peyton-Jones, Mr J Watzyn-Lewis, Mr Richard Evans, Mr Christopher Sporborg, Mrs Christopher Hampson, Mr Tony Hambro, Mr Jeremy Catto, Mr Peter Stephens, Mr and Mrs B J Brennan, Major-General and Mrs Peter Downward, Mr Peter Boydell, QC, Mrs Shirley Wright, Mr Francis Sitwell, Mr Martin Lampard.

Mr Michael Miller, Mr and Mrs John Love, Mr and Mrs Michael Tollemache, Mr and Mrs A Faure, Mr James Perard, Mr Gordon Hutton, Mr Trevor Buxton, Mr and Mrs F J Eaton, Mr Andrew Tennant, Mr William Mountain, Mr Bill Davis, Mr John Fowler, Mr Rodney Carritt, Mrs G Stavropoulos, Mr Roy Dupont, Mr John Wetherell, Mr Jonathan Bradbeer, Mr and Mrs Peter Maitland, Mr Charles Lamplugh, Mr and Mrs John Farmer, Mr John Wauchope, Mr John Warwick, Mr James Johnson.

Mr Xavier Villers, Mr Rupert Villers, Mr Tony Pickering, Mr Michael Jenner, Mr Ken Johnston, Mr James Morris, Mrs Jacqueta Pease, Mr and Mrs John Rudd, Mr Charles Burnell-Nugent, Mr John Hogg, Mr Roy Pulford, Mr John Harper, Captain Andrew Waugh, Miss Akass, Mr John Williams, Mr Evelyn Joll, Mr Roger Bradley, Mr Terence Higgins, Mr B Granam-Bellew, Mr Michael Williams-Bulkeley, Mr J Aarvold, Mr Billy Carbutt, *Mr Alec Higgins.*

Mr Carel Mosselmans (chairman, *Janson Green*) with other directors and members of staff; Mr Anthony Howland Jackson (chairman and chief executive, Bain Hogg), Mr David Palmer (Founder Master, Insurers' Company), Mr Julian Tregonning (Grocers' Company), Mr Ivor Binney (Benfield Reinsurance Company), Mr Bryan R J Wakeham (Nelson Hurst Marine), Mr Matthew Shipton (representing the Chairman of Kiln Cotesworth Members Agency).

Mrs Kenny Frederick (Principal, George Green's School, Isle of Dogs) and Mrs Iris Stewart (chairman, Board of Governors), Mr D Edwards (Royal Yacht Squadron) and Mrs Edwards, Mr Richard Turnor (Allen and Overy), Mr Michael Graham (Barlow, Lyde and Gilbert), Mr Mark Waddilove (Ernst and Young), Mr Jeremy Skinner (Linklaters and Paines), Mr Brian C Carter (Suffolk branch of The Game Conservancy Trust), Mr Roger Sydenham (St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich) with many other friends and members of the Lloyd's market.

Mr Christian Adams

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP, and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and *Head of the Diplomatic Service* by Mr Andrew Burns at a memorial service for Mr Christian Adams, diplomat, held yesterday at the Church of All Saints, Blackheath.

The Rev Henry Burgin officiated, assisted by the Rev James Smith and the Rev Leslie Eden. Mr Nigel Goodman of Eton College read a prayer, Mr Thomas Adams, son, read from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran, and Mr Roger Adams, brother, read from John Bunyans *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Mr David Dain gave an address. The Ambassador of Thailand and Mrs Rayananonda, and the Mayor of Lewisham attended.
Among others present were:
Mrs Adams (widow), Mr Rupert Adams and Mr Nigel Adams (sons), Miss Sarah Adams (daughter), and other members of the family; friends and former colleagues and representatives of the Blackheath Society and *other organisations.*

Mr Alan Weeks

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Alan Weeks, sports commentator, was held yesterday at the Church of All Souls, Langham Place. Prebendary Richard Bewes officiated.

Mr David Wilkie, read the lesson, Mr Paul Zetter, Chairman of Zetters Group, read a message from Mr Robin Cousins, Mr Jonathan Martin, Head of Sport and Events Group, Television, BBC, read from Nicholas Monsarrat's *The Cruel Sea*, and Mr Nicky Slater and Miss Karen Barber read from Lewis Carroll's *The Hunting of the Snark*. Mr David Coleman gave an address.

During the service Mrs Marianne Cotterill, soprano, sang *Voi che sapete* from Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, Mr Laurence Whitehead, baritone and piano, sang *Sea Feaver*, words by John Masefield and music by John Ireland, and Miss Joanne Lunn sang Stanford's *Magnificat in G*.
Among others present were:
Mrs Weeks (widow), Mr and Mrs Roderick Weeks (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Faye Weeks, Mr Adam Feldman and Mr James Noel (grandchildren), Mrs Gabrielle Harrison and Mrs Mary Huckle (sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Brian Pulham, Mr and Mrs Anthony Eland, Mr and Mrs Tony Wallington, Mr and Mrs John Coffey.

Mr Will Wyatt (chief executive, BBC Broadcast) with Sir Roger Cary (a consultant to the director-general) and Lady Cary, Mr Jim Reside, Miss Wendy Sheppard, Mr Johnnie Watherston, Mr Brian Barwick, Mr Philip Gilbert, Mr Dave Gordon and Mr Martin Hopkins (*Grandstand*) and other members of staff.

Mrs Jonathan Martin, Mrs David Wilkie, Mrs Paul Zetter, Mrs David Coleman, Mr Bob Abrahams, Mr Alec Weeks, Mr and Mrs A P Wilkinson, Mr and Mrs Dennis L Bird, Mr Hamilton Bland, Mr Warren Beach, Miss Eileen Anderson, Mr Duncan Goodhew, Miss Anita Lonsbrough, Mr and Mrs Cliff Michelmore, Mr Leonard Miall, Mr Tony Millard, Mr Alan Mouncer, Mr John Murray, Mr Ronnie Noble, Mrs Annie Nightingale, Mrs Avis Prior, Miss Judy Jones, Miss Barbara Berry, Mr and Mrs Robin Scott, Mr *Rodney Haffenden, Mr Alan Hart*, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Hollingworth, Mr Geoffrey Irvine.

Miss Pat Ewing, Mr and Mrs E Flackfield, Mr and Mrs Bryan Cowgill, Mr Harry Middleton, Miss Penny Wood, Mr Barry Davis, Miss Janet de Burgh, Miss Jane Asteli, Miss Angie Bainbridge, Mr and Mrs Michael Barnes, Mr Jim Dumlighan, Miss Barbara Berry, Miss Ann Foster, Mrs Pat Lawrence, Mr and Mrs Phil Lewis, Mr John Richardson, Mr John Rowlinson, Miss Ella Slack, Mrs Barbara Slater, Mr Ian Smith, Mrs Liz Solkhon, Mrs Patricia Khudhairy, Miss Rosie Stern, Miss Barbara Todd, Ms Debbie Turner, Mr Bobby Thompson, Mr Fred Viner, Mrs Pam Glover, Mrs J D Goater, Miss Sarah Huddart.

Miss Celia Godsall (chief executive, National Ice Skating Association), with Mr Courtney Jones and Miss Sally Anne Stapleford, Mr David Frame (chief executive, British Ice Hockey Association) with Mrs Pat Marsh and Mr and Mrs Frederick Meredith, Mr Ian Blackaller (Lord's Taverners) with Mr Charles Dudley, Mr Tom Duncan, Mr Peter Earl and Mr Tony Salisbury and many other friends.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.J.S. Barratt and Miss D.T. Swart
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mrs John Barratt and the late Mr John Barratt, of Minsterley, Shropshire, and Diane, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Swart, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr D.W.F. Berry Green and Miss P.C. Barnett
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Berry Green, of Ecchinswell, Newbury, and Petronella, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Barnett, of Barnes, London.

Mr A.T.W. Harris and Miss V.N. Chamberlain
The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Harris, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Vassi, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Chamberlain, of Chelsea, London SW10.

Mr M.J. Lamb and Miss H.M. Bryson
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Derek Lamb, of Takapuna, Auckland, New Zealand, and Harriet, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Bryson, of Comber, Co Down.

Mr R.A. Spittle and Miss J. Loffman
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr John Spittle and Mrs Susan Garcia, of Harborne, Birmingham, and Jayne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Loffman, of Oldbury, West Midlands.

Mr S.G. Theodorou and Miss B.J.S.StJ. Brind
The engagement is announced between Skev, son of the late Gregory Theodorou and of Mrs Irene Theodorou, of Athens, Greece, and Bryony, daughter of Major and Mrs Roger Brind, of Wells, Somerset.

Mr R.G. Webster and Miss L.J. Henderson
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Webster, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Lucinda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Henderson, of Wivelsfield Green, Sussex.

Mr J.R. Rowland and Miss M-L. Banfield
The engagement is announced between John Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Rowland, of Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear, and Mary-Louise, daughter of Captain J.M. Harrison-Banfield, of Milton, Oxfordshire, and Mrs D.F. Perrens, of Stogursey, *Somerset.*

Mr D.J. Winkett and Miss E.A. Sargeant
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Winkett, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Sargeant, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Marriages

Dr S.W.A. Cannon-Brookes and Miss O. Gaikovich
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 14, at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, London, between Dr Stephen Cannon-Brookes and Miss Olga Gaikovich, of St Petersburg.

Mr R. Johnson and Miss K. Huggins
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 14, in the Church of St John the Evangelist, Edinburgh, of Richard Johnson, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Johnson, of Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire, to Karen Huggins, elder daughter of Mr Martin Huggins and Mrs Astrid Ritchie, of Edinburgh. Canon Neville Chamberlain officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Rachel Huggins and Captain Lorna Wood. Mr Stewart Simpson was best man.

A reception was held in the Merchants Hall.

Mr I.J. Newson *and Miss G.K. McGrath*
The marriage took place on September 7, 1996, at St Augustine's Church, Broxbourne, of Ivan, only son of Mrs P. Newson, to Gina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. McGrath, of Broxbourne.

Latest wills

Jack Drake **Huxtable**, of Dorking, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,122,566 net.
He left £2,000 each to the British Limbless Ex-servicemen's Association and the National Trust.

Ernest Kenneth **Gregory**, of Bromley Cross, Bolton, Lancashire, left estate valued at £2,124,558 net.
He left £10,000 to Christ Church, Walmsley and to St Andrew's Church, Bromley Cross, Bolton.

Kenneth William **Elwell**, of Great Wyrley, Walsall, Staffordshire, left estate valued at £1,009,923 net.

Tom Gordon **Fisher**, of Hethersgill, Carlisle, left estate valued at £1,322,011 net.

Dorothy Rose **Talbott**, of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, left estate valued at £1,929,917 net.
She left £5,000 each to Anchor Housing Association, of Longbenton; Marie Curie Hospice, St Oswalds Hospice, Gosforth. The remainder of her estate to be equally divided between Cancer Research Campaign, British Heart Foundation, Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, British Red Cross Society, and Freeman Hospital, University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

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Carol **Sims-Roberts**, of Buxton, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,182,737 net.

Nancy Elizabeth **Girdwood**, of Fairmile, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £1,037,825 net.

Ida **Asheroft**, of St George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,008,330 net.

Eric Goth **Michelsen**, of Hawkely, Liss, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,115,790 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Kirby, rector and entomologist, Witnesham, Suffolk, 1759; Henry Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord Chancellor 1830-34, Edinburgh, 1778; Hartley Coleridge, writer, Kingsdown, Bristol, 1796; Lajos Kossuth, Hungarian patriot, Zemplin, 1802; William Dyce, painter, Aberdeen, 1806; George Cadbury, Quaker, social reformer and chocolate manufacturer, Birmingham, 1839; William Lever, 1st Viscount Leverhulme, soap manufacturer and philanthropist, Bolton, 1851; Arthur Rackham, illustrator, London, 1867; Giuseppe Saragat, President of Italy 1964-71, Turin, 1898.

DEATHS: Lazare Hoche, general, Wetzlar, Germany, 1797; Meyer Amschel Rothschild, founder of the banking house, Frankfurt am Main, 1812; James Garfield, 20th American President 1881, died of his wounds after being shot on July 2, Elberon, New Jersey, 1881; Masaoka Shiki, poet, Tokyo, 1902; Thomas Barnardo, founder of the homes bearing his name, Surbiton, Surrey, 1905; Miles (Stella Maria Sarah) Franklin, Australian novelist, 1954; Sir David Low, cartoonist, London, 1963.

The world's first beauty contest was held in Belgium and won by 18-year-old Bertha Soucaret from Guadeloupe, 1888.

William Joyce, known as Lord Haw-Haw, was sentenced to hang for treason, 1945.

Juan Perón, president of Argentina since 1946, resigned and went into exile, 1955.

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Seek good and not evil, that you may live, that the Lord, the God of Hosts, may be with you, as you claim he is. Amos 5 : 14

BIRTHS

BAXTER - On September 14th 1996, to Laura (née Gerson) and Toby, a son, Isaac Jeremy, a brother for Joshua.

BLOOMER - On September 17th 1996, to Harriet (née Kirkbride) and Anthony, a daughter, Alice Letitia.

BOND - On September 11th, to Jenny (née Herbert) and Matthew, a daughter, Nancy Madeleine.

CHESLAW - On July 10th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola Gruckemann and Paul - Lilly and Harry, a sister and brother for Louis.

FIGG - On September 16th 1996, to Charlotte (née Villiers) and Christopher, son, Jake, a brother for Orlando.

GALBRAITH-HELPS - On September 15th 1996, to Lizbeth (née Stevens) and Sebastian, a daughter, Olivia Hazmione.

GEIS - On September 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne and Geoffrey, a lovely daughter, Emmy Lauren, a sister for Riley.

HENDERSON - On September 18th 1996, to Sophie and Nicholas, a daughter.

McCALL - On September 16th at St Peter's, Chertsey, to Michelle (née Cahion) and Robin, a daughter, Kelly Tara.

WYE - On September 12th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sophie (née Goddap) and Timothy, a daughter, Holly Grace - their first child.

DEATHS

ABLETT - Peter. On 15th September, suddenly and peacefully at home in Cheltenham. Very much loved husband of Patricia, father of Martin, brother of Geoffrey, father-in-law of Jan and grandfather of Mark.

ALLSOPP - Mark Randolph of Mistley, Essex, suddenly on his 58th birthday. Husband of Tania, father of Jonathan, Richard, Charles and Arabella, grandfather of Matilda. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Dedham, Sunday 22nd September at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the British Heart Foundation.

CASTLE - On 17th September, Peacefully at Boarbank Hall Nursing Home, Dorothy May Castle, aged 85 years, of Grange Over Sands, and formerly of Urmston. The very dear mother of Antony (Jack), Rosemary, Ann, and Kathryn, the much loved sister of Phyll, and a loving grandmother. The funeral service will take place at St Mary's Church, Allithwaite, on Friday 20th September at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations in memory of Dorothy for Cancer Research may be sent to G. Postlethwaite, Funeral Director, Main Street, Grange Over Sands, LA11 6DP.

CORNFORTH - Felicia Ruth Antrobus, on September 17th, widow of Guy and mother of John.

CRUST - John Allen, Rector of Crowland, died September 17th. Funeral 2 pm 23rd September Crowland Abbey, Crowland, Lincs.

FOSTER - Herbert Frederick Brudenell (Derick) on Monday 16th September peacefully after a short illness. Beloved husband of the late Christine and dearly loved father of Madeline, John and Francis. Memorial Service at St Ternan's Episcopal Church, Banchory, on Tuesday 24th September at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the D.S.F.I.A., 18 Bon Accord Crescent, Aberdeen.

HILL - Edith (née Steel) on 15th September 1996 peacefully in a nursing home aged 91 years, beloved wife of the late Francis. Edith will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral Service and cremation at Southport Crematorium on Friday 20th September at 11am. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Coyne Brothers, 348 Stanley Road, Bootle, L20 3EX, tel: (0151) 922-1547.

DIVERSARITY - Robert Brodie Leslie. Peacefully at home on 16th September 1996, Leslie, husband of the late Priscilla (née Fuller), greatly loved father of Robert and Geoffrey, grandfather of Lesley Ann, Eliot, Jonathan, Max and Spencer and father-in-law of Mary Ann and Joanne. A funeral service will be held at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh on Friday 20th September at 10.15 am to which all friends are invited. Flowers if so desired, may be sent c/o W.T. Dunbar & Sons, 116 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, donations to Marie Curie, Fairmile Centre, Edinburgh.

JENKINS - On September 17th quietly after a long illness bravely fought. Mollie aged 72 years. Dearly beloved sister of David. Funeral Service on Monday September 23rd at 1 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Finchley Road, NW3, followed by a private cremation.

JUNIPER - Edna passed away peacefully on September 13th 1996, in Oxford, aged 91 years. Wife of the late *Leonard, mother of Colin* and Richard. Funeral Service in the Memorial Chapel, Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday September 24th at 3.15 pm. Enquiries to Reeves & Pain, tel: (01865) 242529.

LOVELL - Peacefully on September 16th 1996, Osborne, the dearly loved husband of Jane, loving father of Bridget and Sarah and proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Mary, Chickerell, Weymouth, on Monday 23rd September at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations if wished may be sent for St Mary's PCC, Chickerell c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorcester, Dorset DT1 1TW, tel: (01305) 262338.

MOSELEY - Mickey on September 17th 1996 peacefully in his sleep aged 82. Dearly loved husband of Maureen and father of Mandy, Cate, William and Fanny. Funeral Service at Roathorne Church 12 noon September 23rd. Family flowers only.

MORRIS - (Née Naylor) Maris Anne Barbara, on 11th September 1996 peacefully after an illness aged 87 years. Wife of the late Philip Vincent Morris and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Formerly of Norley, Trearddur Bay and Haughton. Funeral Service to take place on Monday 23rd September 1996 2.30pm at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Norley, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers and enquiries to G. Pettit & Son, Funeral Directors, Chester, tel: (01244) 390678.

NAPIER - Hon. Hugh Lennox Napier, fourth son of the Thirteenth Lord Napier and Ettrick, on 17th September 1996 at the Perth Royal Infirmary after a lifetime of disability, aged 53. Funeral private.

PARKER - Suddenly on September 14th Alan Albert aged 65 years of Rockbeare, Exeter, beloved husband of Jane (Eileen) and dear Dad of Kevin and Kate, Neil and Sue, Jake and Sam and a much loved grandad. Funeral Service at Rockbeare Church on Wednesday 25th September at 2 pm. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu if desired to the Rockbeare Church or the R.N.L.I. c/o E. Mansford & Son, The Square, Whitepits, Exeter.

STIRLING - On 16th September 1996, Susan, mother of Esmond, died peacefully, after a courageous battle, supported by the love of many friends. The Requiem Mass will be held at Farm Street Church, London W1 at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 25th September. No flowers, please.

PHILLIPSON - Leslie, on September 12th 1996 in Athens, dearly loved husband of Helen. Enquiries to Underwood & Co. Solicitors, tel: (0171) 487-4461. Ref: FDD.

STONOR - On 17th September very peacefully at home Joan, greatly loved wife for fifty years of Paul, mother of Anne-Marie, Ursula, Richard, Clare, Matthew and of the late Elizabeth and Charles. Much adored by her eight grandchildren. Funeral at St *Paul's Church, Hazelgrove* Road, Haywards Heath, at 11am Tuesday 24th September. No flowers but donations if wished payable to Mencap c/o F & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 4EW.

THURLOW - Josephine Mary, on September 16th, late of New Malden, after a severe illness courageously challenged. Funeral Service at Christchurch, Coombe Road, New Malden, Surrey at 1 pm Wednesday 25th September followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses may be sent to Fredk. W. Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Norbiton, Surrey KT2 7AY.

WRUBEL - On September 14th 1996, after a long illness our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Mia Wrubel died in her 80th year surrounded by her family. The funeral is being held privately. All donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Mia to: Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

VERNON - Thelma Elizabeth of High Wycombe and Laycock, died peacefully at Ashley House Nursing Home, Cirencester on 14th September 1996 in her 96th year. Beloved sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend. She was a gifted local historian and lifelong gardener. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 24th September at Cirencester Parish Church of St John the Baptist for 11.30 am followed by cremation at Cheltenham. Family flowers only please, however donations may be given if desired to Ashley House Nursing Home c/o Cowley & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, Triangle House, 62 Victoria Road, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 1ES, tel: (01285) 653298.

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OBITUARIES

SPIRO AGNEW

Spiro Agnew, Vice-President of the United States, 1969-73, died in Berlin, Maryland, on September 17 aged 77. He was born on November 9, 1918.

Spiro Agnew was the somewhat obscure Governor of Maryland who surfaced dramatically in 1968 as Richard Nixon's surprise choice as vice-presidential running mate. "Spiro Who?" was the often-quoted reaction in Washington when his name was announced by Nixon at a press conference during the Republican convention in Miami Beach.

Like Nixon, Agnew came from a new breed of conservative, self-made Republican politicians. Having grown up in a working-class, immigrant family during the Depression, he had started out as a relatively liberal Republican. But he made an abrupt change of gear during his governorship of Maryland in the troubled late 1960s, when rioters overran the streets of Baltimore.

Afterwards he came down heavily on anything which smacked of "civil disobedience" — and in his view those words covered everything from a full-scale riot to a peaceful student sit-in. His favourite target, however, was the press: "those nattering nabobs of negativism," as he famously described the liberal newspapers of the United States. However ludicrous some of his hyperbolic utterances appeared in print, his speeches struck a responsive chord among middle Americans who turned out to elect Nixon in 1968.

Agnew would probably be as little remembered as the select band of Vice-Presidents who do not succeed to the White House, had it not been for the dramatic way in which he left office. In the summer of 1973 it came to light that his business dealings during his time as Governor had not been unimpeachable. Pay-offs, bribes and kickbacks in the notoriously corrupt state of Maryland were being investigated. Agnew clung on, refusing to admit any wrongdoing, until the very last moment, when — to save himself a prison sentence — he agreed to enter a "no contest" plea to tax evasion charges.

At the time Nixon was wrestling with his own problems over Watergate, and thus could not afford to embroil himself in those of his Vice-President. So he abandoned Agnew to his fate.

Agnew never forgave Nixon, and, indeed, never talked to him again from the day he resigned. His bitterness increased after he saw his successor, Gerald Ford, become President, a post which Agnew felt sure would have been within his grasp in the 1976 presidential election. (Nixon, even if he had survived in office, could not have run again.)

He certainly looked like a President, probably more so than Nixon, being tall, well-built with silvery hair, a taste for good suits, heavy cuff-links and the strong features of his Greek ancestors.

Spiro Theodore Agnew was born in Baltimore, the son of a Greek immigrant vegetable seller. Later he preferred to be called Ted because this made him sound more American. He was educated locally, before reading chemistry at Johns Hopkins University and then, when it became clear he had no aptitude for the subject, switched to the University of Baltimore's Law School. During the war he served as a company commander with the 10th Armoured Division, and fought in Europe.

In 1942 he married Elinor Isabel Judefind, known as Judy. He had difficulty establishing himself as a lawyer when he returned from the war and, with a wife and children to support, took whatever work he could get, including at one point running the personnel department of a supermarket.

His involvement in local Republican politics led to his first elected post as chief executive of Baltimore County in 1962. In 1966 he was elected Governor of Maryland, beating the Democrat George Mahoney. Mahoney's campaign was perceived by some as a racist one and the local black leaders supported Agnew. That relationship, and Agnew's credentials as a liberal, were irrevocably damaged in April 1968. Riots broke out in Baltimore after the death of Martin Luther King, and Agnew gathered the town's black leaders into his office and gave them a dressing-down for not doing more to suppress the unrest. Agnew's handling of the incident attracted the attention of Nixon who had been compiling his shortlist of running mates.

At this point Agnew was still feeling peeved by his treatment at the hands of the New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Rockefeller had conducted an off-and-on campaign for the Republican nomination, and Agnew had publicly thrown his weight behind him. When Rockefeller withdrew — he was to return to the fray on the eve of the convention — Agnew felt let down. Having lost faith in the progressive wing of the party, Agnew decided to back Nixon. He got his reward at Miami Beach.

If Agnew did not bring a "name" to the ticket, he provided an aggressive style which allowed Nixon to look statesmanlike. On the campaign trail Agnew played the part of the hard man. He called Hubert H. Humphrey, the Democratic nominee, "soft on communism" and "squishy on Vietnam" (a comment which even Agnew's fellow Republicans found embarrassing).

On the national stage Agnew was an inexperienced campaigner and he made some clumsy off-the-cuff remarks — as when he referred to Polish Americans as "Polacks", and a Japanese American as a "fat Jap". Worse, when Nixon was trying to soften his image by taking an interest in inner city renovation, Agnew announced he would visit no more urban ghettos, declaring: "If you've seen one slum, you've seen them all." The press came down heavily on such comments and Agnew never forgave them.

Despite these indiscretions, Agnew's message was getting across on a popular level, and many Americans viewed him far more favourably than did the media, perceiving in him a blunt-speaking champion for the middle-American values of thrift and hard work.

After Nixon's narrow victory over Humphrey in the November elections, Agnew settled into his first term in a post which had few official responsibilities. From the start he seemed determined to make more of the role and after only a few months began his revenge on the press, and in particular on that "tiny and closed fraternity of privileged men" who ran the television networks. *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* also came in for specific attacks for "grinding out the same editorial line". The CBS president, Frank Stanton, hit back and complained that Agnew was trying to intimidate television reporters.

Agnew strongly approved of Nixon's invasion of Cambodia — he called it his "finest achievement" — and was predictably harsh on peace demonstrators, whom he described as "an effete corps of impudent snobs". His extravagant language still found an echo among right-wing Republicans but Nixon, now trying on the mantle of statesmanship, was less impressed.

He toyed with the idea of replacing him on the ticket during the run-up to the 1972 Republican convention but eventually decided against it. Accordingly, to his relief, Agnew got his second term in the vice-presidency after Nixon's landslide victory against George McGovern in the November 1972 presidential election.

Now infinitely more experienced, Agnew began to position himself for a run at the presidency in 1976. But almost immediately he was beset by problems. In February 1973 a grand jury in Baltimore began to look into his affairs. Maryland politicians had a tradition of easygoing ethics and it appeared that Agnew, following in that tradition, had financially profited from some of the state contracts which he had awarded to developers during his time as Governor. In his defence Agnew, much later, claimed that he had been forced to such extremes in order to finance his political career (he had little money of his own). He also never lacked for champions even on this side of the Atlantic — Bernard Levin being a particularly spirited advocate of his cause in the columns of *The Times*.

But the spotlight was now playing on the White House over Watergate, and by September 1973 any form of guilt by association with the Vice-President was out of the question. Here Agnew was largely the victim of circumstance. Having declared firmly that he would not resign at the end of September, he was forced out of office on October 10, 1973. There is, however, no evidence that he knew anything about Watergate and privately he was "appalled" at how the White House had handled the matter. In public, though, he defended Nixon loyally.



Republican nominees Spiro Agnew and Richard Nixon at their party's National Convention in Miami Beach, August 1968

The investigation into Agnew's own affairs had begun in August and for two months he continued to maintain his innocence in the press. But his lawyers were plea-bargaining behind the scenes, and eventually a deal was struck whereby he became liable for a $10,000 fine and was placed on probation for three years. In his farewell address to the nation on television he, rather grandly, said that he had decided to resign so that Nixon might restore "unimpaired confidence and implicit trust" in the office of Vice- President.

Having had to pay his lawyers' bills, Agnew was virtually destitute after he left office, and was forced to borrow money from his friend Frank Sinatra. Gradually, though, he carved out a niche as an international businessman and as a middle-man between American companies and Arab governments. Latterly, he did not have to worry about money for the first time in his life and he also had time to write. In 1976 he published a novel about a Vice-President called *The Canfield Decision*.

Letting bygones be bygones, he decided to attend Richard Nixon's funeral in 1994. The disgraced President, whose resignation had followed within a year of his own, had tried several times to reach him by telephone over the years, but Agnew had remained implacable. Only after Nixon's death, did he feel ready to forgive him: "I decided after 20 years of resentment to put it all aside."

He is survived by his wife, their three daughters and a son.

G. U. 'SCOTTY' ALLAN

G. U. "Scotty" Allan, CBE, MC, AFC, pioneer of Australian civil aviation, died in Sydney on August 12 aged 96. He was born in Lanarkshire on February 2, 1900.



THE last survivor of Australia's "Four Musketeers" of long-distance flying — the others being Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, Charles Ulm and Sir Gordon Taylor — Scotty Allan was a pioneer of air routes between the country's major cities in the early 1930s. Later, with Kingsford Smith he instituted the first direct airmail service from Australia to Britain, a flight which took 3½ weeks.

Beginning with Australian National Airways (ANA) on New Year's Day 1930, he opened up the Sydney-Brisbane route, and later the Sydney-Melbourne flight. These were five and six-hour flights over the most hostile terrain, in the fragile three-engined Avro Ten high-wing monoplane. It was a tribute to ANA's pilots that so much was achieved without greater loss.

The danger inherent in these flights was brought home when, on March 21, 1931, the Avro Ten *Southern Cloud*, en route from Sydney to Melbourne with six passengers, disappeared in high winds, rain and heavy cloud. The wreckage was not located until 27 years later. On October 26, 1958, a climber in the Strathbozie Mountains found twisted mainframe spars in thick undergrowth at an altitude of 5,000 ft.

Both Ulm and Kingsford Smith perished in the 1930s during separate trans-oceanic flights when their aircraft came down in the sea.

George Urquhart Allan began flying with the Royal Flying Corps in the fierce battles over the Western Front in 1918. He had been with his squadron for three months before his commanding officer found that he was under age and sent him home.

In the late 1920s he was asked to deliver the first of the Avro Tens for the fledgling ANA which had been founded by Kingsford Smith and Ulm. When he landed in Sydney he was offered a job with ANA which began Australia's first unsubsidised air service between Sydney and Brisbane on New Year's Day, 1930.

At first things went well for ANA. But the disappearance of *Southern Cloud* was a disaster. The prolonged search for the missing aircraft used up most of its slim capital and in June 1931 the airline went into liquidation.

In November 1931 Allan initiated a Christmas airmail delivery to England in an ex-ANA Avro Ten, but his aircraft was badly damaged on takeoff from Alor Star in Malaysia where he had stopped to refuel. Kingsford Smith rescued him and the mail in another Avro Ten. Thereafter, the two men shared the flying and arrived at Croydon on December 16 — creating the first direct airmail service from Australia to England. The pair subsequently took the 1932 new year mail to Australia.

Ulm, Allan and Taylor next attempted a round-the-world flight from Sydney in another ex-ANA Avro Ten. But the attempt was eventually abandoned in England after their aircraft had to be retrieved from an Irish beach. Completely rebuilt by Avro after this mishap, *Faith in Australia* and her three pilots broke the record for the UK-Australia flight, reducing it to less than a week — six days, 17 hours, 45 minutes.

Allan subsequently joined Qantas. He became the airline's chief adviser on new aircraft. From 1935 he was involved with BOAC in the prewar development of the Short Empire flying-boats, then seen as the way forward for intercontinental air travel. They were first introduced on the scheduled 12-day service between Southampton Water and Rose Bay, Sydney, in 1939.

During the Second World War Allan served in the RAAF and in 1945 he came to London as Qantas's technical representative during the critical time of the development of postwar transport aircraft. Notably he supervised the introduction of the pressurised Lockheed Constellation into Australian service. He retired as deputy chief executive of Qantas in 1961.

He is survived by his wife Barbara and a daughter.

JANE LIDDERDALE

Jane Lidderdale, OBE, civil servant and biographer, died on September 7 aged 87. She was born on July 21, 1909.



ALTHOUGH she spent most of her working career as a civil servant, Jane Lidderdale maintained throughout her life a scholarly interest in the arts. In 1970, after her retirement, she published a biography of her godmother Harriet Shaw Weaver, a hitherto shadowy figure in the literary history of the first half of this century. It cast new light on several major literary figures of that era, for Harriet Shaw Weaver had been the long-suffering patron of, among others, James Joyce, Ezra Pound and T. S. Eliot.

Jane Hester Lidderdale was born in Hampstead and educated at Oxford (Society of Home Students, now St Anne's College), where she read PPE. After a period working for the Royal Institute of British Architects she joined the Ministry of Shipping in 1940, where her organisational talents, exercised on both sides of the Atlantic, proved invaluable. Over the next dozen years she was secretary to various Cabinet committees, including the fuel committee in the difficult winter of 1946-47. She worked most closely with Herbert Morrison.

She was appointed OBE in 1952, chiefly for her work during the 1951 Festival of Britain as secretary of its organising committee. She became increasingly interested in researching aspects of public policy. In 1952 the Nathan Report on Trust Law was published, of which she was the secretary and chief researcher. Even after she left the Civil Service the following year, she continued to carry out research for a variety of official and semi-official inquiries, especially in the fields of education and employment.

Her highly remarkable fundraising skills and close friendship with the art-historian James Byam Shaw led her to join the Council of the Byam Shaw School of Art, where she served for a quarter of a century. For more than half that time, as chairman, she steered the school through times of great change in art education. It was her shrewd leadership, her innate understanding of the students and their needs and her financial acumen that ensured that the Byam Shaw remains today one of the few totally independent fine art schools in the country.

But she was more than an administrator. The most enduring of many public and private philanthropies was her work for the Kensington Day Centre in north Kensington. Convinced of the need to provide a congenial setting where frail, elderly people could keep their independence and share activities and each others' company, Jane Lidderdale founded the centre in 1963. She raised the funds to establish it and chaired its committee with her customary sensitivity and skill for 25 years. The centre remains a flourishing and happy memorial to her unfailing capacity to work for the good of others — a capacity underpinned by her deeply held Christian faith.

She was the granddaughter of the Victorian painter C. S. Lidderdale and had a lifelong interest in art. But literature was another of her passions. In 1962 she became a guardian of James Joyce's daughter Lucia, who suffered from chronic mental illness. In 1970 she published *Dear Miss Weaver*, the biography of the patron of Joyce and other major literary figures. It contributed significantly to scholarship on the subject and Lidderdale devoted much of her time to dealing with the extensive correspondence her book generated.

Never less than formidable and often intolerant of those who did not meet her own high standards, Jane Lidderdale had an endearing generosity and sense of fun. This was manifested in, for example, her creation of a fictional "society for narrower roads", a humorous protest at increasing volumes of traffic. She never married.

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The opening night of the new theatre, designed by Robert Smirke with statuary by Flaxman. The great expense incurred led John Philip Kemble, the lessee, to raise prices, which led to riots lasting 61 nights; eventually Kemble was forced to revert to the old prices.

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... The play then began, and when Mr. KEMBLE again made his appearance, the sense of the house could not be mistaken: and it grew more and more decidedly adverse to the imposition, to the end of the whole performance both of play and farce. We believe not a single word of either was heard by the most acute listener in the house: hisses, groans, yells, screeches, barks, coughs, shouts, cries of "Off! lower the prices! six shillings! pickpockets! imposition! curtpurse!" &c. served to vary, but nothing could add to, the clamour of the house, which was painfully kept up whenever there was always at its highest when Mr. KEMBLE was there. During all this time, that Gentleman treated the audience with the coolest neglect, and, as did all the rest of the performers, went through his part as well as if he had been playing to a listening and admiring audience. When he first appeared, indeed, to speak the address, a paper was handed to him from the pit: he glanced at it, and, as we suppose, found it was not a friendly one: for he blushed, and huddled it into his pocket. This was all that happened in the paper way. The audience grew indignant at Mr. KEMBLE's coolness, and always singled him out for peculiar disapprobation. In the second act of the play, the Pit came to a resolution to turn their backs upon him: but curiosity soon led them round again: however, they continued almost throughout the play to stand up with their hats on. During the performance of the *Quaker*, a candle was thrown at Mr. LISTON. After the conclusion of the whole, the uproar still continued, when three persons, said to be Magistrates, made their *debut* on the stage, and attempted to speak altogether: but not being able to command respect or hearing, one of them produced a paper, which was conjectured to have been the Riot Act. The audience burst out into a fresh eruption at this, and emitted, "No *Magistrates, no Police in a Theatre!*" The ill-advised men retired bowing. Constables now attempted to clear the pit and galleries: but they met with opposition in the former, and evasion in the latter, the inhabitants of the upper gallery dropping themselves quietly into the under. By degrees, the uproar subsided into loyalty, and we left about fifty people in the house singing 'God save the King!' There was at no time throughout the evening, any disposition to wanton or mischievous riot on the part of the audience.

It was a noble sight to see so much just *indignation in the public mind: and we could* not help thinking, as Mr. KEMBLE and Mrs. SIDDONS stood at the stage, carrying each of them 500l. upon their backs in clothes, that it was to feed this vanity and to pay an Italian *singer, that the public were screwed. They,* however, resented the imposition last night as became them; and the only resource they now have is, as the Proprietors of the Theatre take no notice of them, to take no notice of the *Proprietors of the Theatre. Let the company* play to empty benches; let the public agree to desert the Theatre: and we shall see which can do without the other the longest. The Proprietors must come down; competitors at *low prices will be rising up on all sides; and* they had better gracefully give up what in the end will be ignominiously wrested from them.

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Swiss cut the cost of skiing for Brits

BY RONALD GRIBBLE

SWISS ski resorts have thrown down the gauntlet to Austria, France and Italy and are offering cut-price deals and free ski passes to woo the British back to the slopes.

After years of rising prices and fierce competition from rivals, which led to a sharp drop in the number of UK visitors, the Swiss are turning the clock back and launching value-for-money holidays at its resorts below the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau peaks.

Last week Switzerland Tourism flew a party of British ski writers and tour operators by Air Engiadina executive jet from London's City Airport to Berne for a summit meeting at Jungfraujoch, the 11,333ft-high Top of Europe complex in the Alps.

Urs Eberhard, UK director of Switzerland Tourism, told the conference: "We have to change the perception that Switzerland is expensive. UK tourists think that now that France is expensive, then prices in Switzerland must be sky high. But if you compare Verbier with Méribel, the prices are about the same."

Mr Eberhard announced that Swiss tourism had joined forces with seven UK tour operators — Crystal, Inghams, Kuoni, Plus Travel, Powder Byrne, Swiss Travel *Service and Thomson — to* promote discount deals in the Jungfrau region this season.

Nick Rudge, general manager of Swiss Travel Service, said: "Swiss Air has just introduced a new early flight from Heathrow to Zurich saving £60 per person on Christmas and New Year skiing packages and allowing travellers to ski on the first day.

"Other special offers include a day's free heli-skiing in Zermatt and a helicopter sightseeing trip around the Matterhorn."

Lee Ormesher, general manager of Thomson ski, lakes and mountains holidays, said that Thomson was offering early-booking savings and free ski passes on a first-come, first-served basis.

Inghams and Kuoni are both launching promotions for skiing and snowboarding in Switzerland next month, with competitions to win free holidays and ski passes.

Crystal said it was offering chalet holidays from £359 a person. The same holiday starts from £239 by self-drive, including Le Shuttle crossing.

Hotels suffer as guests turn to theft

BY TONY DAWE

A GROWING army of kleptomaniacs is alarming British hoteliers, according to *The Good Hotel Guide 1997* published this week. Encouraged by the availability of free sewing kits and bottles of shampoo, guests are starting to take larger objects and to fill mini-bar bottles with cold tea.

In his introduction to the guide, Hilary Rubinstein, the editor, says that hotels expect guests to help themselves to "freebies" such as tubes of hair conditioner but clearly not face flannels or books, let alone hair dryers. He writes: "I hate coathangers which cannot be removed from the wardrobe but recognise that congenital pilfering of such objects is an expensive annoyance to hoteliers."

Mr Rubinstein reports an incident that occurred when a guest was saying goodbye to Brian Sack of Sharrow Bay, Ullswater, a hotel that has appeared in the annual guide since it was first published 20 years ago.

The guest opened her handbag and inadvertently revealed three hotel ashtrays. Mr Sack relates that he nonchalantly removed two, saying: "I think one is acceptable, but three is just a bit greedy."

*Richard Sherwood of Ash*wick House, Dulverton, Somerset, has found an ingenious method of minimising his losses by putting this notice in rooms: "We hope you appreciate all the small touches which we have added around the hotel." He adds: "Unfortunately, not everybody leaves things for future guests to enjoy. The favourite items are soap dishes, handmade toilet-roll holders, Laura Ashley sewing kits, napkin rings, hair dryers, torches, telephones and hot-water bottles.

"Superior rooms have minibars. We have learnt that you need a razor blade to cut the seal around a mini vodka bottle. You can then drink the contents and fill it up with water. For whisky and rum, it is a little more difficult, but you can fill the bottles with unmilked tea. It has happened in this hotel."

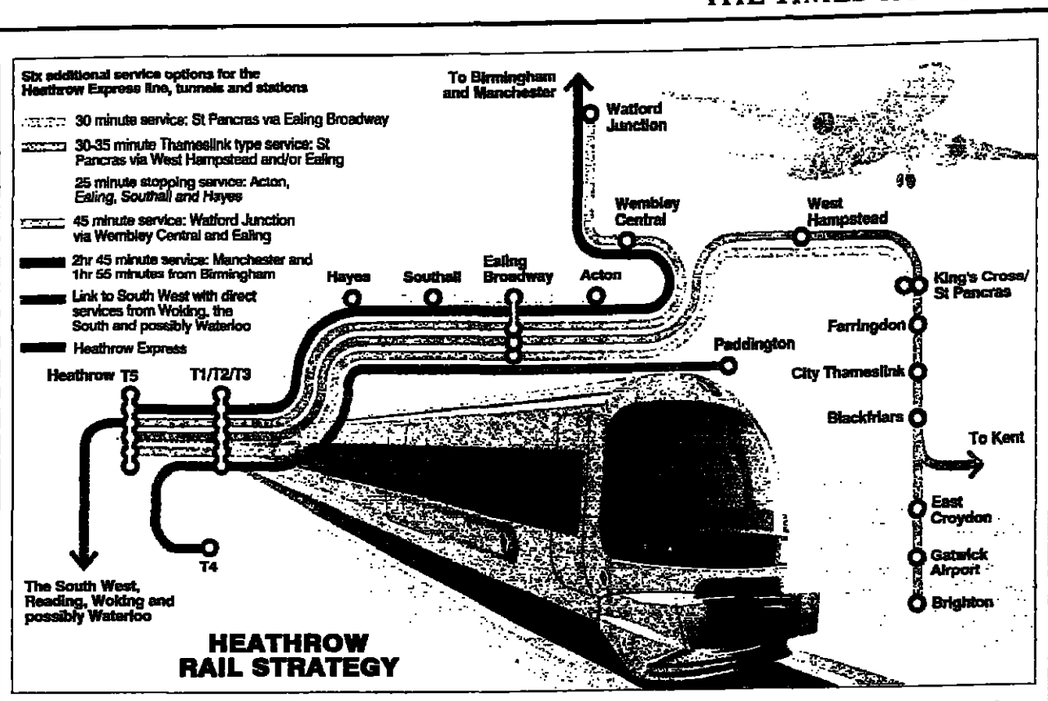
The guide's top ten awards include hotels where the prices are so high that guests might think this sort of behaviour is acceptable, including Hartwell House, Aylesbury; its double rooms start at £160 a night. The guide also features more modest establishments.

Lynne Anderson's guest house at Crookham in Northumberland, where dinner, bed and breakfast starts at £36.50, wins the award for best budget hotel in the North of England and the Ivy House Hotel in Braithwaite, Cumbria, *where the price for the same* facilities is £49.95, is praised for the best of Lakeland hospitality.

● The Good Hotel Guide 1997, *Ebury Press, £14.99.*

THE WINNING HOTELS FOR 1997

Country house hotel of the year: Hartwell House, Aylesbury, Bucks.
Newcomer of the year: Romney Bay House, New Romney, Kent.
Scottish hotel of the year: Kilcamb Lodge, Strontian, Highlands.
Unpressured home hospitality: Boscundle Manor, St Austell, Cornwall.
The prince of Welsh hotels: Ynyshir Hall, Eglwysfach, Powys.
The best of Lakeland hospitality: Ivy House, Braithwaite, Cumbria.
Best restaurant with rooms, Irish-style: Aherne's, Youghal, Co Cork.
Best budget hotel in the North: The Coach House, Crookham, Northumberland.
Best budget hotel in the South: Hancocks Farmhouse, Cranbrook, Kent.
For acceptable mild eccentricity: Frogg Manor, Broxton, Cheshire.



Airports' high-speed link set for take-off

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

A FAST rail link between Heathrow and Gatwick that would allow travellers to make quick connections between the two airports could open within the next three years.

The planned route is one of six options being studied by companies eager to join the *airports operator BAA in a* £550 million scheme to turn Heathrow into the world's most efficient and environmentally friendly multi-transport hub.

Among other proposals in the plan, unveiled yesterday at the long-running inquiry into the proposed fifth terminal, are the building of a bus-only lane on the busy M4 spur road into Heathrow, a cap on the number of parking spaces and a 25p levy on car parking charges, a boost in the number of bus and coach services and the creation of a 60-mile network of cycle routes around the airport for staff.

The key development is a series of proposed rail links being studied by BAA, Railtrack and a number of private companies which have shown an interest in running the trains. Among the options are links to St Pancras, Acton, Watford Junction, Manchester and Birmingham and the South West.

A decision on which to develop first will be taken by the end of this year. The link is likely to be opened by January 1999, after new electric trains have been ordered and built.

Gatwick has been regarded by many within the airline industry as "Heathrow's third *runway*" for years — but connecting passengers have been forced to use a coach service on the often heavily congested M25 to get between the two airports. Under the new £88 million proposal, the existing Thameslink service from Gatwick would be extended from King's Cross through West Hampstead and Ealing, before joining the new £350 million Heathrow Express line to the airport.

The Heathrow Express is expected to attract six million passengers in the first year after it opens in June 1998, an average of 17,000 a day. This would result in 3,000 fewer vehicles on Heathrow's roads each day.

BAA said yesterday that the package of proposals was aimed at enabling more than half of Heathrow's passengers to arrive at the airport on public transport. Currently, only 34 per cent do so. BAA's technical director, Michael Maine, says: "We are doing more than anyone could have hoped or expected to encourage public transport."

French hit by new collapse



Air France: its holidays operation has fallen victim to price wars and exchange rates

BY STEVE KEENAN

THE collapse in holiday sales to France continues, with the failure of another long-established tour operator this week. Air France Holidays will close on October 31, having lost £175,000 and seen bookings tumble by 40 per cent in the past few years.

About 1,000 customers booked to travel will have their holidays protected, and the company's bonds will remain in place until all customers abroad have returned.

Operators to France have been hit since 1993 by the poor exchange rate and a ferry and air-price war which has encouraged holidaymakers to travel independently. While short-break sales have grown, summer sales of self-catering and touring holidays have plummeted.

Last month, Brittany Ferries took over the UK operations of one of the best-known names in travel across the Channel, Gites de France. The company's sales had fallen from 100,000 customers in 1993 to around 20,000 this year. Britain's biggest operator, Thomson, scrapped its French Riviera self-catering and hotels programme for 1997 following poor sales. And French villa specialist Kingsland Holidays also folded this summer. Several other self-catering operators to France are clinging on by their fingertips after a 10 per cent fall in sales in 1994 and a 20 per cent fall last year.

Air France Holidays had operated in the UK for 22 years. Two years ago the company carried 25,000 holidaymakers, but the figure shrank to less than 16,000 this year, according to Francoise Teruel, the Air France Holidays managing director in the UK. Staff numbers at the company's London office had already been cut from 44 to 15.

Wish we weren't here

A TRAVEL agency clerk booked a couple in their eighties into an apartment that was a breathless 470 steps from the beach in the youngest, loudest resort on Tenerife, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Now the pensioners have received an apology and their money back for the mistake.

*Albert and Dorothy Little*wood from Caister, Norfolk, went into the Lunn Poly agency in Great Yarmouth to choose a holiday from the Thomson brochure. But when they arrived in Playa de Las Americas, the frail couple discovered that their apartment was an hour's laborious walk up steps from the beach.

Mr Littlewood, 84, said: "I told the lady whom we booked the holiday with about the difficulty we have climbing steps and she told us not to worry about it."

Lunn Poly said that it was "extremely sorry" and blamed its sales team for not following instructions for dealing with elderly or infirm customers.

Is mass tourism a curse or a blessing?

THE Prince of Wales has struck a chord with holiday-makers who have discovered ugly tower block hotels dominating the once beautiful skylines of their favourite resorts.

The Prince described "the unstoppable seeds of destruction for the unspoilt part of our world which drive the quest for travel in the first place". He told *Green Hotelier* magazine of the spreading "uglification", and said: "There are too many eyesores in the world designed as cheap, featureless dormitory blocks with no regard to how the building blends with its surroundings or how its construction and operation will impact on the environment or the local community."

He is, of course, correct. We have all cringed at the concrete awfulness of some hotels and apartment blocks, raged *about the intrusive* noise of fellow guests and the aircraft in which they travel, and

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bemoaned the sameness of hotel chains all over the world.

There are more worries. Some villagers are being forcibly removed to make way for hotels, water tables are being drained to provide showers and swimming pools for the insatiable guests, coral reefs are being damaged, and animals are being pushed to the edge of extinction through pressure on their habitats.

But increasing numbers of people want to travel. The new middle classes of the former Soviet empire are now international tourists: the youngsters of Japan and the "tiger" economies of the East want to travel and see the West. The older generation in Britain is taking holidays in Vietnam. Thailand and South America when, a few decades ago, it would have ventured no further than Margate.

Can governments control tourists? Should governments, let alone the tourism industry, dictate where and when they travel? Any controls should surely not be put into the hands of such people as Lynne Pemberton, the *hotelier and novelist who this* week bemoaned changes brought by tourism to Barbados, attacking the "urbanisation that reeks of bad taste, ghastly pseudo-colonial resort hotels that crawl across once-deserted beaches".

"Where" she cried in *The Mail on Sunday*, "are all the cute little donkeys pulling dilapidated hand-daubed carts or the highly polished Austins and Vanguards, 1950s relics of a bygone English era? Now the roads are crowded with slick little Toyotas and gleaming Jeeps."

Tourism has brought prosperity to many Barbadians, and the Caribbean island is now visited by millions who would never be able to afford the exclusive luxury of the grand hotels. But Ms Pemberton's views — much more extreme than any voiced by the Prince of Wales — are common among many.

Tourism has given economic prosperity to millions of people. Many of the lessons have been learnt from early *mistakes, such as the quick* construction of ugly hotels. In Majorca, for example, the worst of the old hotels are now being pulled down.

Though Prince Charles seems to have as few answers as any of the rest of us to the questions he has raised, we can at least hope he has sparked an informed debate.

Challenge to Hong Kong

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

SINGAPORE is stepping up its efforts to become the leading gateway to South East Asia in the wake of the Chinese takeover of Hong Kong next summer.

The country's tourism authorities have launched an initiative called Tourism 21 to persuade cruise passengers, business travellers and holiday shoppers that Singapore is not as bland or authoritarian as many people believe.

The strategy is based on developing links with tour operators to establish Singapore as the main stopover point for Far East travellers from the UK. By preserving aspects of the country's history and developing new sporting and cultural activities, the tourism authorities hope visitors can be persuaded to stay for longer.

Airlines target the heavy mob

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AIRLINES in America are becoming increasingly worried about the amount of carry-on luggage passengers are trying to take on flights.

Rules limiting the size and number of hand-carried bags are regularly flouted, causing congestion of overhead luggage bins and widespread irritation. Injuries have been caused when passengers trip over bags stowed on the floor.

The culprits are not just young travellers who have tried to take their rucksacks on board, or the harassed young families bogged down by the paraphernalia of parenthood. Business executives on stop-over assignments like to take their overnight bags into the cabin because it quickens their getaway.

Airport check-in staff for several airlines are now more vigilant. Craig Jenks, a New York-based airlines analyst, says: "This is an increasing problem and there is a lot of discussion about it."

Measuring bins are provided to check that bags are not beyond a certain size and one airline, United, has started to list "carry-on critical" flights on which space is likely to be tight. Travel agents then advise passengers that the rules will be strictly enforced.

The problem has grown with the increased occupancy rates on US domestic flights. When aircraft often flew at 50 per cent capacity, it did not matter if a few passengers exceeded the limit. But now, with hotter competition, there is less room to spare.

At the same time, passengers appear to have lost the art of travelling light. Laptop computers are now *de rigueur* for many travellers, adding to the on-board clutter. Reduced in-flight food services have encouraged other passengers to travel with picnics, on top of which there are assorted music systems, sports accessories and bulky briefcases.

The main culprits are the "wheelie" cases. Their wheels can rip seat covers and are often too heavy to place in the overhead bins. The Luggage and Leather Goods Manufacturers of America says its members are producing "piggy-back" cases which zip together to disguise the fact that they are separate items.

EU plans action on Cuba law

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

EUROPEAN Union Foreign Ministers are preparing joint action against America over a law that is disrupting thousands of holiday plans and could lead to the arrest of British business people.

An EU meeting on October 1 is expected to back the introduction of legislation to block the Helms-Burton Act, which gives Washington the power to penalise foreign businesses dealing with Cuba.

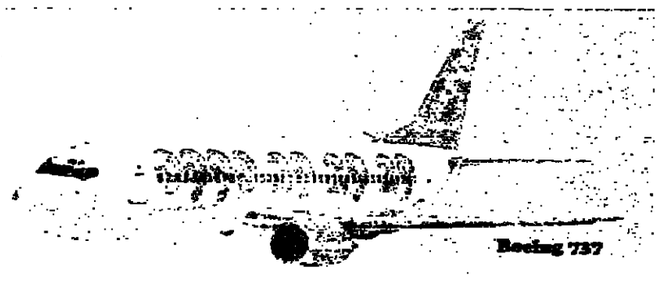
At least two British executives have been refused entry to the US because the company with which they were associated had dealings with Cuba. Now British tour operators are in disarray over the continued sale of holidays to the island.

Thomson, the Canadian-owned company that included Cuban holidays in early brochures but refused to allow travel agents to sell them because it feared its directors could be prevented from entering America, has withdrawn the offer. Ironically, Canada this week introduced a law protecting citizens and companies from "extraterritorial" action that might be taken.

Airtours says it is withdrawing Cuba from sale for next winter, blaming "poor sales". But First Choice says it is selling as normal and Sunworld insists that business will continue as usual.

The US law was introduced after pressure from exiled Cubans who claimed that their property had been confiscated when the communists took power. Anyone who has any dealings with this property, or the people involved, in Cuba, can be refused entry to the US and have their US assets seized. From March, they could face prosecution.

The Foreign Office is adamant that there is nothing to prevent British citizens from visiting Cuba. Last year about 20,000 Britons went to the island, which appeared to be on the brink of a tourist boom.



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FERRIES

HAMBURG and Esbjerg in Denmark are available with Scandinavian Seaways, which is selling breaks consisting of two nights on board and a city tour. Hamburg costs £69 a person departing on September 24. Esbjerg £59 leaving October 1. Details: 0990 333111.

■ SEA France is selling five-day returns on its Dover-Calais route for £39.50. Day returns at £1 a passenger and £10 for a car and occupants are also available. Details: 0990 711711.

■ P&O European Ferries is selling day trips on its Dover-Calais route at £16 a car and £1 a passenger. Foot passengers can buy day returns for £1. Details: 0990 980980.

■ RED Funnel has launched a £30 weekend return package on the Southampton-Cowes route, including a car and up to four people. Sailings are on Fridays, from 4pm, with any return until the last Sunday sailing, available until December 15. Details: 01703 334010.

■ SEACAT Scotland will carry a car and four adults on its 5am daily sailing from Stranraer to Belfast, returning any day at 8.30pm for £175, valid until January 6 next year. Details: 0345 523523.

HOLIDAYS

NICE for £209 a person for a week's self-catering holiday with a flight from Gatwick on September 28 is among late offers from Lunn Poly, available from any of the company's 800 Holiday Shops.

■ CARIBTOURS offers £63 a person off holidays using BA flights from Gatwick to Barbados, Grenada and St Lucia from today until October 6, cutting the cost of a week on Grenada to £527 a person and a week's half-board at Coconut Creek, Barbados to £950. Details: 0171-581 3517.

■ CORFU villas on the quiet northeast coast are still available from tomorrow and next Friday from CV Travel from £335 a person including flights. Details: 0171-581 0851.

■ FLORIDA fly-drive holidays are available for £229 a person for a fortnight, excluding accommodation, from Page & Moy, with a flight from Gatwick next Tuesday. Details: 0116-250 7116.

■ CYPRUS for a week for £329 with bed and breakfast accommodation and a flight from Luton next Wednesday is available from Cosmos. Details: 0161-480 5799.

■ CAPRI is available for a week's holiday instead of the usual daytrip from the Italian coast from Headwater Holidays with flights this Saturday and next. The price, including bed and breakfast and notes on local walks, is £526 a person. Details: 01606 48699.

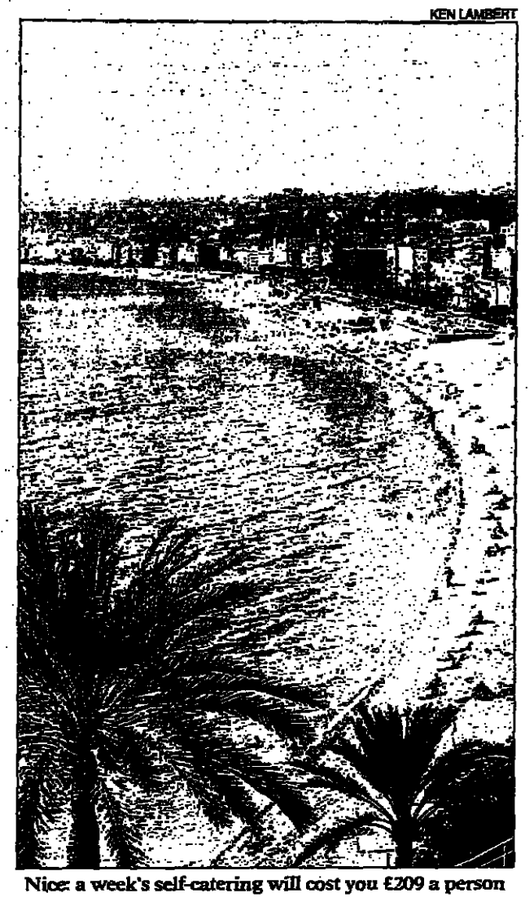
■ GOA for £419 a person for a fortnight, with a flight from Gatwick on October 3 and including bed and breakfast accommodation, is available from Advantage Travel Centres. Details: 0990 891888.

■ TURKISH Jeep Safaris are on offer for £450 a person from Accommodation Overseas, with a flight from Gatwick on October 5, including two nights in a hotel and five nights camping. Details: 0181-977 2984.

■ MALTA for £239 a person for a fortnight's self-catering trip is available from Portland Direct, with a flight from East Midlands, on October 8. Details: 0990 002200.

■ BOOK by October 1 for a £250 saving from the Cruise Line on a week's six-island Caribbean cruise leaving San Juan on December 1 and taking in Barbados and Martinique. The offer price of £699 a person includes non-stop flights from Gatwick, and all meals and entertainment. Details: 01273 835252.

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■ SAVE up to £10 a person on short breaks at the Billesley Manor Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon when booking through Highlife Breaks. Half-board accommodation until October 31 is reduced from £97 to £87 a person a night, with bed and breakfast packages down from £76 to £72. Details: 0800 700400.

■ INTER-CONTINENTAL Hotels has added Zurich and Barcelona to its Heart of the City weekend break programme, valid until next March. A room for two at the Princesa Sofia in Barcelona costs about £79 a night, while the room rate at the Inter-Continental Zurich is £88. Details: 0181-8472277.

■ ASHDOWN PARK Country House Hotel in East Sussex has a "taste of opera" evening on October 6 featuring a four-course dinner with operatic highlights for £59 a person. A special overnight rate of £99.20 a person, based on double occupancy, is also available, a 20 per cent discount on the usual rates. Details: 01342 824988.

■ GOOD hotel deals are available in Orlando, Florida, until December 20 from Hotelshop USA. The Travelodge at the Florida Mall, for example, has a price of just £19 a room a night with rooms accommodating up to four people. Details: 0181-995 3010.

■ THE luxury Hotel de L'Europe in Amsterdam has a two-night offer until December 23 of £400 a room, double occupancy, or £216 single. The package is for a Friday or Saturday arrival. Details: 0800 181123.

■ THE new "weekend break" rate at the Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge, London, is £110 a night a person including VAT, based on double occupancy. There is also free use of the hotel's spa and health club. Details: 0171-235 6000.

■ STAY at the four-star Merrion Thistle Hotel in Leeds and visit the nearby royal armouries exhibition. Cost per adult is £54 a night double occupancy, including dinner, breakfast and admission to the exhibition. Details: 0113-2439191.

FLIGHTS

DURING September, Malmo Aviation is providing a free ticket for business-class passengers paying the full fare of £548 between London City and southern Sweden. The free ticket can be used between October 1 and December 31. Details: 01293 530839.

■ LUPUS Travel has discounted fares on Alitalia via Rome to southern Africa, Latin America and Asia. A return ticket to Johannesburg costs £409, Hong Kong £454 and Bombay £339. Details: 0171-306 3000.

■ VIRGIN Atlantic flights to New York costing £240 return are available through Travelmood. Details: 0171-258 0280.

■ TWO business-class passengers booking World Airlines between London City and Amsterdam can travel for the price of one when paying for the £229 three-day excursion. Details: 0171-287 6000.

■ CITYJET, an Irish airline, has a companion-fare offer between London City and Dublin. A passenger booking the £88 excursion can take a friend for £44. Details: 0345 445588.

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The Foreign Secretary was praised by leading Euro-sceptics for stating that the divided EU that would be created by monetary union was not the aim of its founding fathers **Page 1**

Cook gives Blair boost from Left

■ Tony Blair will be given an important boost today when Robin Cook, leader of the Labour left, delivers a warm tribute to his leadership and calls on the party to fall in behind him. The move, clearly designed to steady party nerves ahead of what may be a difficult conference, comes amid rumblings among the left about Mr Blair's intentions ..... **Page 1**

Submarine mystery

South Korea's navy and air force were on full alert after 11 North Koreans from a stranded submarine were found dead during what appeared to be a bungled infiltration operation ..... **Page 1**

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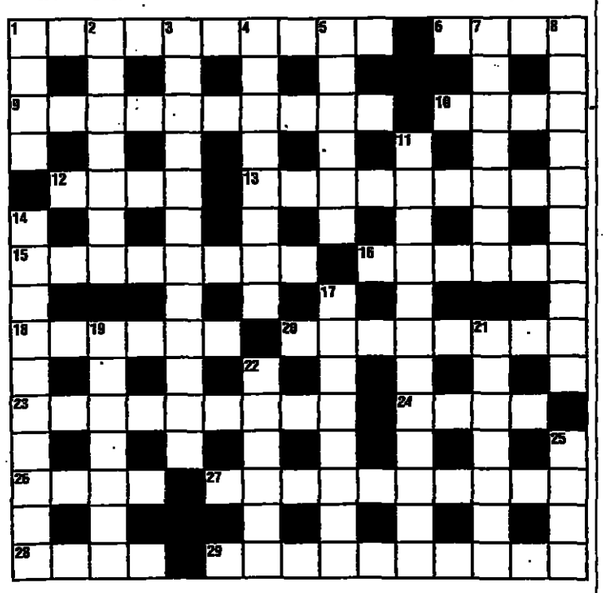
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 12C (55F); highest rainfall: Newcastle, Tyne & Wear, 0.01in; highest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Islands, 11.2hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** high pressure over Norway will ensure a further settled day over much of Scotland. Elsewhere, strong easterly winds will bring cloud and rain.

England and Wales: western and northern parts will have a bright start whilst in the south it will already be overcast with showers driving in from the east. In southeast England the showers will turn to more persistent rain during the afternoon, spreading steadily north and west over the southern half of England and Wales during the day.

Scotland and Northern Ireland: most places will remain dry with sunny periods although there may be some light showers in southeast Scotland.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England:** cloudy, showers, overcast and wet in afternoon. Winds strong, near gale, easterly. Cold. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **E England, NW England, Lake District, Central N:** bright intervals and showers. Strong easterly winds. Cold. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** bright start, some sunshine. Overcast wet weather spreading westwards in afternoon. Strong easterly winds. Cold. 16C (61F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright, sunny intervals. Perhaps an isolated shower. Winds light or moderate easterly. Fine. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Outlook:** most places cloudy with rain at times.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud, d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail, r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet, sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

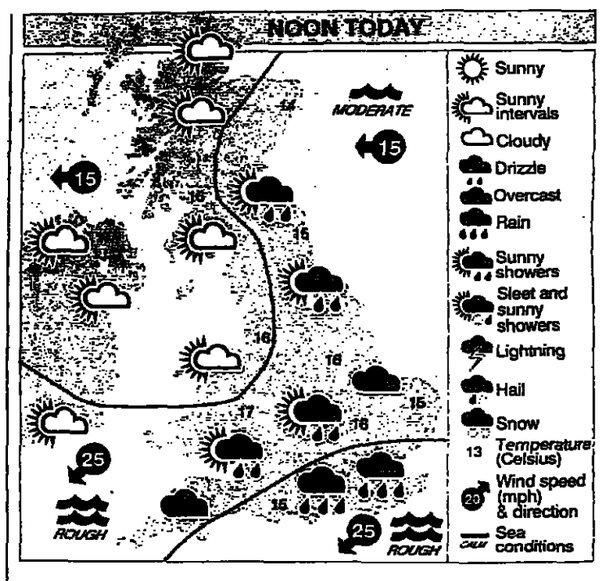
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Aberdeen	9.3	-	16	61	s	London	2.0	0.01	16	61	c
Arlemore	11.1	-	18	64	s	Manchester	5.2	-	17	63	b
Belfast	6.9	-	17	63	s	Margate	9.5	-	16	61	s
Bognor R	8.8	-	18	64	s	Minehead	5.1	-	16	61	s
Bournem'th	9.3	-	18	64	s	Morecambe	5.6	-	17	63	sh
Bristol	9.1	-	16	61	s	Newcastle	5.5	0.01	15	59	sh
Buxton	5.0	0.01	13	55	b	Norwich	2.0	-	15	59	c
Cardiff	8.3	-	17	63	s	Oxford	5.0	-	16	61	c
Clacton	3.1	-	14	57	c	Penzance	X	-	18	64	s
Cromer	9.3	-	15	59	b	Poole	8.0	-	18	64	s
Dunbar	6.7	-	16	61	s	Prestonpn	X	-	18	64	b
Eastbourne	8.6	-	15	59	s	Ross-o-wyo	6.3	-	17	63	s
Edinburgh	6.4	-	18	64	b	Ryde	8.9	-	16	61	s
Eskdalemuir	4.3	0.01	15	59	d	Salcombe	9.0	-	17	63	s
Exmouth	8.1	-	17	63	s	Sandown	7.9	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	9.8	-	17	63	s	Saunton Snd	9.9	-	19	66	s
Fishguard	8.2	-	17	63	s	Scarboro'	1.1	-	14	57	c
Folkestone	9.9	-	15	59	b	Shrewsbury	6.6	-	16	61	b
Glasgow	9.4	-	18	64	s	Skegness	8.1	-	15	59	c
Guernsey	10.7	-	18	64	s	Southend	0.5	-	16	61	b
Hastings	9.4	-	15	59	s	Southport	6.4	-	17	63	s
Hayling I	9.4	-	17	63	s	Southsea	7.6	-	17	63	s
Herne Bay	6.5	0.01	15	59	b	Stornoway	9.6	-	17	63	s
Hove	8.9	-	17	63	s	Swanage	7.5	-	18	61	s
Hunstanton	7.0	-	15	59	s	Teignmouth	7.1	-	17	63	s
Isle of Man	7.5	-	17	63	s	Tenby	5.4	-	17	63	s
Jersey	11.5	-	17	63	s	Three	7.7	-	17	63	s
Kinloss	10.5	-	18	64	s	Torquay	7.7	-	18	64	s
Leeds	2.9	0.01	16	61	c	Tynemouth	-	0.01	14	57	sh
Lerwick	11.0	-	14	57	s	Ventnor	10.2	-	17	63	s
Leuchars	7.8	-	16	61	s	West-s-mare	9.3	-	17	63	s
Littlehmptn	7.9	-	17	63	s	Weymouth	8.1	-	17	63	s

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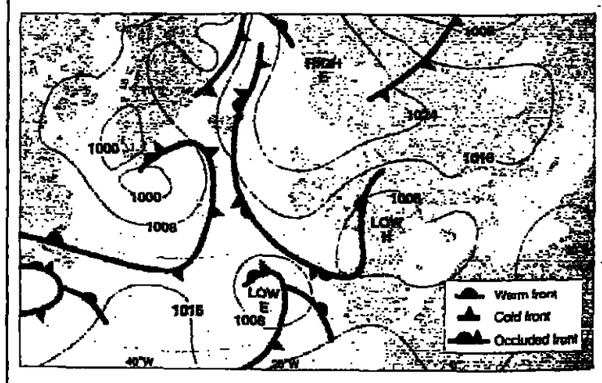
Acapulco	33	73	c	Corfu	24	75	s	Majorca	24	75	f
Ajaccio	28	79	s	C'phagn	14	57	f	Malaga	25	77	f
Alicante	28	79	s	Dublin	16	61	s	Malta	28	79	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	20	68	f	Melb'rne	17	63	f
Amst dm	16	61	s	Faro	21	70	f	Mexico C	22	72	f
Athens	25	79	s	Florence	29	73	f	Miami	29	84	s
B Aires	16	61	s	Frankfurt	13	55	f	Milan	21	70	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Funchal	25	77	s	Montreal	19	66	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	15	59	s	Moscow	13	55	s
Barbados	30	86	r	Gibraltar	24	75	f	Munich	13	55	f
Barcelona	19	66	f	Helsinki	14	57	s	N Delhi	33	91	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	29	84	f	N York	18	64	f
Belgrade	16	61	f	Innsbruck	15	59	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Bonn	11	52	c	Istanbul	19	66	f	Naples	25	77	s
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jeddah	36	109	s	Nice	22	72	f
Biarritz	17	63	f	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Oslo	16	61	s
Berda'a	19	66	f	L Angels	21	70	s	Paris	18	64	s
Brussels	16	61	s	L Palmas	25	79	s	Peking	26	77	s
Budapest	12	54	f	Ln Tquet	17	63	s	Perth	21	70	c
Cairo	30	86	s	Lisbon	23	73	s	Prague	9	48	c
Cape Tn	13	55	f	Locarno	20	68	s	Reykjavik	10	50	r
Ch'church	20	68	f	Luxembg	16	61	f	Rhodes	33	73	f
Chicago	19	66	s	Luxor	37	99	s	Rio de J	19	66	f
Cologne	15	59	f	Madrid	20	68	f	Riyadh	38	100	s
								Rome	22	72	f
								S Fr'sco	20	68	s
								S Paulo	15	59	c
								Salzburg	13	55	f
								Santiago	14	57	f
								Seoul	25	77	f
								Sing'por	28	82	f
								St'kholm	16	59	f
								Strasb'rg	17	63	f
								Sydney	29	84	s
								Tangier	21	70	f
								Tel Aviv	28	82	s
								Tenerife	29	84	s
								Tokyo	26	79	f
								Toronto	17	63	f
								Tunis	27	81	f
								Valencia	26	79	f
								Vanc'ver	17	63	f
								Venice	17	63	f
								Vienna	12	54	c
								Warsaw	11	52	c
								Wash'ton	20	68	c
								Wel'ngton	15	59	s
								Zurich	13	55	s

Temperatures at midday local time: Tuesday's figures. Latest available. c = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low H will push northeast and deepen; low I will run eastwards and deepen; high E will be slow moving and decline



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.25	6.5	5.41	6.4	Leith	6:24	5.1	6:50	5.0
Aberdeen	5:07	3.9	5:36	3.7	Liverpool	2:37	8.5	3:03	8.4
Avonmouth	10:44	11.7	11:05	11.4	Lowestoft	9:59	2.4	1:20	2.4
Bolfast	2:37	3.4	2:55	3.3	Margate	3:16	4.4	3:38	4.4
Cardiff	10:30	10.9	10:53	10.6	Milford Haven	9:47	6.7	10:09	5.9
Devonport	9:16	4.9	9:38	4.8	Newhaven	8:44	6.0	9:12	5.9
Dover	2:05	6.3	2:32	6.2	Oban	9:10	3.4	9:22	3.3
Dublin (N Wall)	3:13	3.8	3:30	3.7	Penzance	8:08	5.0	8:24	4.8
Falmouth	8:25	4.7	8:54	4.6	Portland	9:57	1.7	10:18	1.6
Greenock	3:56	3.3	4:21	3.2	Portsmouth	2:40	4.3	3:00	4.3
Harwich	3:06	3.8	3:22	3.8	Shoreham	2:23	5.7	2:48	5.6
Holyhead	1:40	5.1	2:08	5.0	Southampton	2:04	4.3	2:27	4.2
Hull (Albert D)	9:54	6.8	10:18	6.6	Swansea	9:47	8.3	10:08	8.1
Ilfracombe	9:26	8.2	9:48	8.0	Tees	7:22	4.8	7:51	4.6
King's Lynn	10:03	6.3	10:29	6.0	Walton-on-Naze	3:09	4.0	3:27	3.9

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HOURS OF DARKNESS



First quarter tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.42 am
Sun sets: 7.05 pm
Moon sets 10.44 pm
Moon rises 1.38 pm

London 7.05 pm to 6.44 am
Bristol 7.15 pm to 6.53 am
Edinburgh 7.19 pm to 6.55 am
Manchester 7.14 pm to 6.52 am
Penzance 7.27 pm to 7.06 am

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Morgan Grenfell sacks Young over misconduct

By Paul Durman

DEUTSCHE Morgan Grenfell has sacked Peter Young, the fund manager held responsible for plunging the group's formerly respected investment arm into crisis.

Mr Young, until recently manager of the top-performing European Growth unit trust, was dismissed for gross misconduct late on Tuesday. He was already under suspension. It seems that Mr Young had become increasingly unco-operative over Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's investigation into the events that led it two weeks ago to suspend dealings in £1.4 billion of investment funds.

When the German-owned investment bank first discovered the problems last month, Mr Young initially helped his bosses to unravel the complex of Luxembourg companies that he had used to disguise his massive holdings in unquoted and high-risk technology stocks. It is believed he has become much less willing to explain his actions since Peters & Peters, the City law firm that represents Kevin Maxwell, began advising him.

No one at Peters & Peters could be contacted for comment yesterday evening.

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell said that it expects it will be another four to six weeks before it completes its investigations. One of the issues it will have to examine is whether Mr Young stood to gain personally from his manoeuvrings. Morgan Grenfell Asset Management and the Royal Bank of Scotland, trustee to two of the three funds involved, have already obtained an injunction to freeze Mr Young's assets.

Other senior figures at MGAM are expected to lose their jobs over the recent debacle. Among the most exposed are Keith Percy, MGAM's chief executive, Glyn Owen, the chief investment officer who was Mr Young's immediate superior, and Graham Kane, who heads Morgan Grenfell's unit trust company.

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell said that fewer investors are seeking to pull their money out of the three troubled funds since Deutsche Bank, its German parent, indicated last week that it would, if necessary, start buying units in the funds. A spokesman said that this provided "the ultimate guarantee" that investors would not lose their money. When the funds first returned from suspension, they were hit by a wave of redemptions.

So far, investors have withdrawn about £250 million from the affected funds, which also include the Europa unit trust and a Dublin investment fund, European Capital Growth. The three funds have about £1.1 billion remaining.

The problems at Morgan Grenfell are the most serious in the history of the unit trust industry. The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation has begun its own investigation in an attempt to prevent any repeat.

Around 90,000 mostly private customers invested in the company's European funds, attracted by their consistently table-topping performance. Mr Young, 38, took over their management in May 1994. He began to invest increasingly in high-tech stocks that promised huge returns but involved large risks. These companies often had no profits and only minimal sales. He went on to breach the 10 per cent limit that unit trusts are allowed to invest in unquoted companies. He took advantage of a loophole that entitles funds to invest in unquoted companies if they plan to float on a recognised stock market in the near future. This loophole is one of the issues to be examined by Imro.

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HUGH NOTT



Peter Young, who is believed to have become unco-operative over inquiry

Europe may make taxman return £100m to societies

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Government may be forced to pay back £100 million worth of taxes collected from three building societies after a ruling today by the European Commission on Human Rights that it violated human rights law.

It is expected that, by nine votes to seven, the Strasbourg-based Commission will find the Government in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights over laws that it brought in to stop the societies taking it to court over the taxes.

The Commission will rule that the societies should be compensated because they were denied access to the courts to pursue the case.

The case was brought by the National & Provincial Building Society (taken over by Abbey National), the Leeds Permanent Building Society (now the Halifax) and the Yorkshire Building Society.

It arises over a change in the mechanics of collecting tax on interest from building societies in 1985. Because the societies had differing year ends from the financial year, they argued that they ended up being doubly taxed.

The Woolwich Building Society lodged a challenge in the courts, eventually taking its case to the House of Lords, where it won a £70 million refund. The law lords upheld its claim that the Government had taxed it twice.

However, the Government then introduced provisions in the Finance Act 1991 that effectively prevented the other societies doing likewise.

One lawyer commented last night: "Here was the Government, a party to the proceedings, deciding to use primary legislation to move the goalposts with the object of denying the societies from being able to pursue their claims."

A ruling against the Government, he added, would show that it cannot "introduce legislation which has the effect of interfering, arbitrarily, with pending litigation to which the government is a party".

The European Court of Justice, through a series of rulings, has shown that people have a legal remedy against excessive legislation. However, today's opinion by the Commission indicates that there is also a remedy under European human rights law.

The three societies that took their case to Strasbourg were forced to pay what, with interest, now amounts to more than £100 million.

The case is now being referred to the European Court in Strasbourg, but, in most cases, it tends to follow the opinion of the Commission.

In the case of the Yorkshire, at least, which is a mutual, the money would be a windfall for its members.

David Holmes, a spokesman for the society, said last night: "If the Commission has ruled in our favour, and the case is upheld by the European Court, then the money would be of benefit to our members."

Mike Blackburn, chief executive of the Halifax, who as the chief executive of the Leeds in 1991 led the campaign against the double tax, said last night: "If this is the case, it is excellent news. We have been pursuing this case with determination for almost ten years."

In 1991, he said: "When the original raid on our reserves took place, MPs were misled, and now they are being misled again."

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3955.7	(–16.6)
Yield	3.94%	
FT-SE A All share	1950.79	(–7.43)
Nikkei	21156.75	(–153.84)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5877.73	(–11.10)*
S&P Composite	681.80	(–1.14)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4¾%*	(4¾%)
Long Bond	96²⁰/₃₂*	(96¹⁸/₃₂)
Yield	7.01%*	(7.02%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5⁹⁵/₉₆%	(5¾%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	107¹⁄₁₆	(107²⁷/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5605*	(1.5562)
London:		
$	1.5605	(1.5551)
DM	2.3537	(2.3540)
FFr	8.0190	(8.0012)
SFr	1.9361	(1.9341)
Yen	170.20	(171.37)
£ Index	86.2	(86.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5090*	(1.5141)
FFr	5.1452*	(5.1451)
SFr	1.2415*	(1.2440)
Yen	109.22*	(110.27)
$ Index	96.8	(97.2)

Tokyo close Yen 110.26

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec) $21.60 ($21.25)

GOLD

London close $383.35 ($383.55)

* denotes midday trading price

BT cuts mobile telephone calls

BT is reducing the cost of calls made to the Cellnet and Vodafone networks. Cellnet and Vodafone are expected to follow by reducing their own tariffs, putting more pressure on Orange and Mercury One-2-One, their smaller rivals (Eric Reguly writes).

The charges for calls to Cellnet and Vodafone will fall 8.6 per cent for daytime calls and 11.7 per cent for evening calls, from October 8. The new daytime rate will be 37.5p a minute compared with 41p, while the evening rate will be 25p against 28.3p.

Sales boom puts Clarke on collision course with Bank

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

A BOOM in high street sales in August brings a showdown on interest rates between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England closer.

Retail sales jumped by 1 per cent compared with July, taking year-on-year growth to 4.4 per cent, the highest since March, 1989. Sales figures have been particularly volatile recently but a comparison of the last three months with the previous three shows growth of 1.6 per cent, according to the Office for National Statistics. This is the best performance since August 1988, at the height of the Lawson boom.

The latest figures give the Governor further ammunition in his quest for higher interest rates at Monday's monthly monetary meeting with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor. Minutes of the July 30 monetary meeting, published yesterday, showed that Eddie George, the Governor, stopped just short of recommending a rate rise. But he said openly that he would prefer rates to be at 6 per cent instead of 5.75 per cent because of the strength of consumer demand.

Mr George said that, although it was possible that the data had exaggerated the underlying acceleration of demand, there was an opposite risk that, if the acceleration continued throughout the summer and into the autumn, it would become increasingly difficult to moderate.

A week after that meeting, the Bank made clear in its *Inflation Report* that it would like to see rates higher if the Government is to hit its inflation target. It also openly criticised the Chancellor's decision to cut base rates in June.

Mr Clarke assured the Bank at the July 30 meeting that he would raise rates if inflation pressures picked up as a result of stronger growth.

Minutes of a meeting on September 4 are yet to be published. Evidently, the Chancellor decided to leave rates unchanged but it is not known whether this was against the Bank's express advice.

Within total retail sales, textiles, clothing and footwear sales over the last three months grew at their strongest pace for ten years.

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Failures place PFI under microscope

By Keith Rodgers

THE credibility of the Government's Private Finance Initiative has been dealt two further blows with a Welsh hospital scrapping one scheme and two contractors pulling out of a high-profile tendering process for St Thomas' Hospital in London.

The PFI programme, designed to spread the risk of major expenditure between the public and private sectors, has been dogged by problems, particularly in the health sector. There have been complaints about the cost and length of the procurement process, lack of expertise in the trusts and affordability.

The Welsh Office confirmed yesterday that the University Hospital of Wales had applied for public funds for a development project originally designed to be funded through PFI. It is understood the hospital had exhausted all avenues in seeking private money.

It has also emerged that Amec, the construction company, has also decided not to proceed with a bid for a £100 million development project at St Thomas' Hospital. The decision leaves just one bidder, a consortium including Tarmac, following the withdrawal of another shortlisted candidate earlier this year.

The Trust cannot decide whether to proceed with the sole candidate because it has had to request further information on details of the bid.

Amec pulled out because the price of its proposed project work would have been too high.

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New look for nuclear industry will cost jobs

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE nuclear industry is to shed up to 2,000 jobs over the next three years following the privatisation of British Energy earlier this summer.

The number of job losses, caused by British Energy's streamlining and the state-owned reactors implementing a planned restructuring, will be unveiled next month after talks with the five main unions involved.

Union leaders, who are to resist compulsory redundancies, will campaign fiercely on safety issues amid speculation that the figures for safe nuclear power station maintenance are about to be reduced significantly. They fear staffing levels could fall to about 375 per nuclear reactor, compared with the present level of between 450 and 600, depending on the size of the station.

British Energy yesterday said it would make a full announcement in mid-October. A spokesman said: "We are reviewing the business plans and will set out the details shortly."

Mike Jeram, head of energy at Unison, Britain's biggest union, said: "We are bracing ourselves for a big number of job losses. But we will be putting our case strongly. We are worried about corners being cut and people being available for station call-out when large numbers of job cuts are involved."

BA targets pilots in cost-cutting drive

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

THE 6,000 pilots of British Airways — who recently came close to strike action — have been made a key target for the airline's extensive cost-cutting campaign aimed at producing £1 billion in savings within the next three years.

Managers were told yesterday where the savings, including the loss of 5,000 jobs over the next 18 months, would be made, and pilots were singled out. "The flight crew department is targeting a significant improvement in overall costs," the managers were told.

BA also said it would double the number of franchise operations which smaller airlines fly under its colours. Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, said talks were at an advanced stage with several companies in Britain and Europe. He added that the "second transformation" of the airline was designed to create "a new BA for the new millennium".

The job losses will, it is hoped, be mainly voluntary and are less than the unions had at first feared. By the year 2000 the workforce will be about 49,000 — the same as at present, but the skills will be different.

Mr Ayling said: "Some jobs will go, some will be outsourced and some will be relocated, but measures will be put in place to ensure that we treat our

British Gas risks new attack in profit fight

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

THE GAS regulator will increase demands for British Gas's profits to be cut if the company resists existing proposals and forces an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Ofgas said yesterday that if the dispute between it and British Gas over pricing controls for TransCo, British Gas's pipeline division, goes to the MMC, Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, would seek a tougher asset valuation than she now proposes. The valuation is crucial for TransCo profits because it governs the rate of return that is allowed. The company could end up losing £850 million from its revenues. At present it faces a reduction of £650 million. The revenue cuts are expected to result in cuts in domestic gas bills of about £28 a year at present.

Ofgas's final proposals on TransCo's pricing were a big climbdown from Ms Spottiswoode's original stance and included a compromise on valuation of the business. Originally, she had said that this would be between £9 billion and £11 billion, but she then offered a valuation of £11.7 billion. British Gas believes that the business is worth more than £14 billion.

An Ofgas spokesman said: "If the issue goes to the MMC, Clare will push for a valuation of £9 billion. It will be a different ball game."

The valuation had been rewritten to avoid an MMC investigation and to satisfy a clause in a past MMC report on British Gas that regulation cannot be retrospective. This clause was interpreted by the regulator in her final proposals as meaning that an existing formula for calculating asset valuation had to be applied. However, if a new MMC inquiry is triggered, those considerations will be dropped.

The tougher call from the regulator will be backed by gas shippers — independent gas companies that pay to use TransCo's pipes. They say the Ofgas review was too lenient and are expected to be vociferous in an MMC inquiry.

British Gas said that it would consider the harsher threat from Ofgas as it reached its decision on the pricing proposals. A spokesman said: "This is a very significant decision for British Gas and we are not going to rush into it without making sure that we understand fully all its implications, have gone through the necessary processes, and exhausted all avenues of dialogue with Ofgas."

The company has until October 7 to respond. Referral to the MMC will be automatic if it refuses to accept the curbs.

France under fire over budget

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

THE French Government yesterday unveiled a 1997 budget designed to ensure qualification for a single European currency, but its efforts were immediately attacked by economists who criticised the "creative accounting" involved and a disappointingly small drop in the projected central government budget deficit.

The budget, already widely leaked, contains a package of tax reductions and spending cuts. The Government insists that this will boost consumer spending and revive the ailing economy, while cutting the overall deficit to 3 per cent of GDP, the limit prescribed by the Maastricht treaty.

Jean Arthuis, the Finance Minister, said that France aimed to cut its deficit to less than 2 per cent by the year 2001. "Economic history will say it was in 1997 that France turned its back on the ballooning of public spending and began the long-awaited reduction in taxation," he said.

The budget includes cuts in spending on job creation and housing subsidies and the pruning of some 6,000 civil service jobs, amounting to savings of Fr60 billion or £7.9 billion.

But, after taking into account promised tax cuts amounting to Fr25 billion, the Government said that the central budget deficit would be only fractionally reduced to Fr283.7 billion next year from Fr288 billion forecast for this year. This is a far cry from the Fr40 billion reduction being mooted in the spring.

To reach the Maastricht target, the Government has resorted to some imaginative number-juggling. The most notorious example is a one-off cash transfer of Fr37.5 billion from France Telecom in exchange for the Government taking on the company's future pension liabilities. The quip doing the rounds in Paris financial circles yesterday was: "Euro '97, officially sponsored by France Telecom."

David Harrington, a senior analyst at James Capel, said: "They want to show the world that they still have the political will to achieve the criteria for Maastricht, by hook or by crook. But they are being transparent about it. You could say they are obeying the *letter, if not the spirit of the rules.*"

Even if the French economy hits its forecast 2.3 per cent growth, some economists say that further creative accounting may be necessary to reach the 3 per cent target figure. And if the economy is further slowed by a repeat of last year's industrial action, the Government will have still less room for manoeuvre.

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ROLAND LEON



Andrew MacKenzie hopes to cut overheads and to increase Admiral's margins

Bryant absorbs Admiral Homes

By Keith Rodgers

THE buoyancy of the housebuilding market was shown yesterday when Bryant Group bought Admiral Homes, its privately owned rival, for £62.2 million. City analysts questioned whether it had overpaid.

Bryant, which also unveiled a slump in annual pre-tax profits after a 16.5 per cent fall in home completions, gains 1,750 plots and a further 500 acres of land under options from the deal. It is paying £4.2 million in cash and assumes Admiral's £58 million net borrowings.

Andrew MacKenzie, Bryant's chief executive, said it plans to cut overheads, including staff, and to exploit the group's larger purchasing power in a bid to improve Admiral's margins.

Bryant's pre-tax profits for the year to May 31 fell from £45.8 million to £24.6 million on turnover down 7.2 per cent to £453.6 million. Earnings per share fell from 11p to 5.9p. The dividend, payable on November 22, is maintained at 5.05p per share.

Mr MacKenzie said that borrowing, which fell to 7 per cent of shareholders' funds at the year end, would be about 40 per cent at the half year after the acquisition, falling to 35 per cent at the year end.

☐ Tilbury Douglas reported pre-tax profits up 14 per cent for the six months to June 30 on turnover 8 per cent higher at £232 million. Earnings per share climbed 14 per cent to 16.5p, and the dividend, payable on November 8, was unchanged at 7p per share. The company said it will continue to expand into overseas markets.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Job losses to follow SBC restructuring

SWISS BANK CORPORATION (SBC) is restructuring its domestic Swiss banking operations with the loss of 1,700 jobs, it was announced in Basel yesterday. The move will trigger a one-off exceptional loss of SFr1.9 billion (£1 billion) this financial year.

The restructuring will not affect operations in the UK, which include SBC Warburg, the investment banking division, which shed up to 1,000 jobs worldwide immediately after the merger of SBC and SG Warburg in July 1995. In Switzerland, 15 offices are to be reorganised into a structure built around three regional centres. About 80 out of 325 branches will be closed or integrated with other units over the next three years. Most of the 1,700 jobs will be lost through natural wastage.

Bowthorpe ahead

BOWTHORPE, the international electronics and electrical group, boosted profits 7 per cent in the first six months under Nicholas Brookes, the new chief executive. First-half pre-tax profits rose to £42.5 million from £39.6 million in the half year to June 30. The dividend of 3.21p, payable on 9 December, compared with 3p. Profits met analysts' expectations, but were weighed down by restructuring costs of £2.1 million.

Loss for Hunting

HUNTING, the defence, aviation and oil group, incurred a £14.2 million pre-tax loss as it made provisions to cover problems in its aviation business. Provisions of £30 million were made to cover design problems in the Dash-8 contract for supplying interiors to de Havilland Canada. A further £10 million provision was made against the investment in the development of the J-41 turboprop aircraft. No interim dividend will be paid. Tempus page 26

Wise Speke soars

WISE SPEKE, the Newcastle stockbroker owned by Ockham, the insurance broker, may itself be coming to the market itself via a listing on the main exchange. In the six months to June 30, Ockham's pre-tax profits were more than three times higher than last time, at £10.9 million (£2.91 million). Sales were £36.6 million (£13.2 million), leaving earnings of 12p (3.9p) per share. A maintained interim dividend of 1p will be paid on November 12.

Britt Allcroft venture

BRITT ALLCROFT, the soon-to-float company that turned Thomas the Tank Engine into a television programme, is linking with VCI, the video group chaired by Michael Grade, to develop new characters for children's entertainment. The 50-50 joint venture, called Moonbeam, will have funding of up to £1.5 million and aim initially to develop programmes for video distribution. VCI already works with Britt Allcroft through its range of Thomas the Tank Engine videos.

British Biotech setback

BRITISH BIOTECH, the largest player in the biotechnology sector, said that Glaxo Wellcome had ended its development sponsorship of a potential anti-asthma treatment in the wake of disappointing clinical trials. But British Biotech said that Glaxo's decision not to license the oral form of Lexipafant would not affect development work on other versions of the drug. The company said its £8 million loss in the quarter to July 31 (£7 million loss) was because of increased spending on clinical trials.

Airtech wins US order

AIRTECH, which is to float on the AIM market next week, said yesterday it has won a $3 million order to supply Nokia with masthead amplifiers for the American mobile-phone market. The contract will allow the company to proceed with building a small factory in Dallas, Texas. Airtech's initial public offering is expected to raise about £10 million, valuing the company at about £30 million. Management will own about 60 per cent after the offering.

Dagenham reverses

DAGENHAM MOTORS, the car dealer, yesterday said that year-end profits will be hit by a drop in incentive payouts from Ford, its sole supplier. It said that a stricter bonus policy had seen profits in August fall behind last year's, although sales were 3 per cent up. The shares fell 15p, to 122½p, yesterday. In the half year to June 30, pre-tax profits dropped to £2.35 million (£2.51 million) on sales 10 per cent up, at £147 million. A frozen dividend of 2.2p will be paid on November 15.

Postern rescue fund

POSTERN, the company rescue specialist, is launching a £15 million fund to invest in troubled companies that have turned to it for help. Trevor Swete, who heads Postern, said that it would be able to give troubled companies a breathing space to renegotiate bank loans and supplier agreements. He said that the fund would invest only when Postern executives were working on a rescue of a company and that this would cut down the risks of losing the investment.

Cordiant buys stake

CORDIANT is paying Fr171 million to purchase the 47 per cent of the French arm of Saatchi & Saatchi it does not already own. The minority stake is currently owned by the French agency's present and former employees. Saatchi & Saatchi France is one of Cordiant's largest businesses outside the UK and Cordiant has been in talks for some time to buy the interest.

Bass alcopop to reach 300,000 sales this year

By Alasdair Murray

BASS, the brewing and leisure company, revealed that sales of Hooper's Hooch, its leading alcopop brand, would hit 300,000 barrels this year.

Sales of the controversial alcoholic soft-drinks have boomed since they were first launched in this country two years ago, with the total market estimated to be worth about £250 million this year.

The fad for alcopops has also begun to hit other drinks businesses, forcing Matthew Clark, the drinks company, to admit last week that it had lost up to 60 per cent of sales on its premium packaged cider brands such as Diamond White.

Bass said that Hooper's Hooch, which is the country's largest selling alcopop brand, had helped to push up profits in its brewing division. Beer volumes also increased about 2 per cent although the company said that competitive pressures were continuing to hurt margins.

The company added that its tavern estate and hotels divisions had continued to perform strongly. But profits in the leisure division remained below last year, with Gala, the bingo subsidiary, continuing to suffer because of the impact of the National Lottery. Profits also declined in the Britvic soft drinks business.

Sir Ian Prosser, chairman, said that overall progress was in line with market expectations.

Bass provided no further details of the £200 million Carlsberg-Tetley purchase, although the company said it hoped for a speedy resolution of discussions with the regulatory authorities.

Bass shares fell 1.5p to close at 792p. Matthew Clark shares were unchanged at 363½p.

Britannic steady at half time

By Paul Durman

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE, the life insurer, yesterday reported half-time results for the first time, showing operating profits marginally lower at £25.8 million (£25.9 million).

Britannic has previously taken advantage of an exemption that allows life insurers not to report interims, since profit figures must be based on estimates.

The Birmingham insurer was held back by a £200,000 loss by its general insurance arm, after a £1.2 million profit last year. Britannic decided to pull out of motor insurance earlier this year, although it has arranged for Avon Insurance to offer its customers motor cover.

Pre-tax profits — which because of a European Union directive have to include highly changeable investment gains — fell 12 per cent from £30.9 million to £27.2 million. The interim dividend rises by 8.7 per cent to 5p a share, payable on October 24.

New partner sought after UTV pulls the plug on TV3

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

THE consortium behind the Republic of Ireland's first independent television channel, which is due to go on air by the end of 1997, is searching for a new broadcast partner after the shock withdrawal of Ulster Television.

John McGuckian, UTV's chairman, yesterday said the company had pulled out of the TV3 project because of disagreements with the IRTC, the Republic's broadcast regulatory authority.

Last September UTV agreed to put up £6 million for a 40 per cent stake in TV3, which will attempt to break the monopoly of RTE, the state broadcasting authority in the Republic. A further one third of the shareholding was expected to be made available to institutional investors, with the rest held by individuals such as Paul McGuinness, the manager of rock band U2.

Mr McGuckian made the announcement during his report on UTV's first-half performance, which saw pre-tax profits rise 27 per cent to £4.67 million, largely because of income from its investment portfolio. He gave warning that the short-term market remains slow, but said improving economic conditions should lead to a better 1997.

Earnings per share increased to 5.95p (4.67p) and the company declared an increased interim dividend of 2.25p, payable on October 22.

Virgin on new BR shortlist

By Jonathan Prynn

RICHARD BRANSON'S Virgin Group has been shortlisted for the sale of CrossCountry Trains, British Rail's "non-London" InterCity rail network, and one of the most attractive remaining BR owned franchises. The company will be competing against Prism Rail, the stock market quoted private train operator, and Great Western Holdings, the management buyout team that won the Great Western InterCity franchise.

CrossCountry operates mainly long-distance services throughout Britain and is BR's only franchise with destinations nationwide. It runs the UK's longest scheduled daily passenger service, the 704-mile Dundee to Penzance *Cornishman*.

Mr Branson's company has so far missed out on every franchise it has bid for, most recently Thames Trains.

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Costain first-half loss rises to £19m

By Oliver August

COSTAIN, the troubled construction company, has incurred a half-year loss almost double that of last year.

In the six months to June 30, the loss rose to £19.2 million from £10.4 million. The loss per share increased to 38.2p from 21.6p and shareholders again will not receive a dividend.

The company believes it will achieve a turnround in the second half on the strength of an order book said to be up 15 per cent to £636 million.

Sir Christopher Benson, chairman, said: "We remain convinced further benefits will stem from having major shareholders in South-East Asia and the Middle East — two key overseas markets."

Costain restructured after its shares were suspended in May. A Malaysian investor, Intria, took a 40 per cent stake after a rights issue.



Benson: awaits benefits

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Finland Mkk	7.66	7.01
France Fr	8.41	7.76
Germany Dm	2.51	2.30
Greece Dr	390	365
Hong Kong $	12.68	11.68
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.32	4.87
Italy Lira	2485	2330
Japan Yen	185.80	168.80
Malta	0.602	0.547
Netherlds Gld	2.792	2.582
New Zealand $	2.37	2.15
Norway Kr	10.63	9.63
Portugal Esc	251.50	223.00
S Africa Rd	7.57	6.77
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☐ PDFM sits out its market forecast ☐ Exchanges play down further rate cut ☐ Next on the Euro-agenda

Going for broke with Beckman

☐ EQUITY analysts, like freemasons, are secretive creatures who prefer to conduct their strange rituals well out of the public eye, which is why PDFM, the old Phillips & Drew and now part of UBS, has been so embarrassed by the fuss over its attempt to anticipate a stock market crash by putting 15 per cent of all funds under management in cash.

The symptoms suggest that PDFM has an advanced case of Beckmanitis, a morbid compulsion to anticipate disaster by forecasting it early and often named after a financial pundit called Bob Beckman, whose trick it was to earn large amounts of money for himself by always being wrong.

Mr Beckman advised homeowners in 1979 that their houses were about to halve in value. In 1983 he was warning of global economic meltdown, banks failing all over the place, property values collapsing. The next four years saw the FT-SE 100 virtually trebling right up to the 1987 market crash. It would be another two years before the property market heeded his advice and went into reverse.

The point is that Mr Beckman, like most prophets of doom, was undismayed by the refusal of the Apocalypse to arrive to his deadlines. Like the weather forecaster predicting rain, he had to be right eventually however much drought the coooo25 endured beforehand. Mr Beckman was last heard of ranting about a Zionist conspiracy that controlled international banking and commerce.

PDFM bases its views on a value investment philosophy based on what shares should intrinsically be worth. Anatole Kaletsky, in these pages earlier this week, has already shown that any market analysis may be wrong if it fails to take a long enough view of economic trends. The current bull run for world stock markets must end one day, and the umbrellas come out again. PDFM, by looking for that correction at least 18 months early, has merely jumped off the bus an unquantified number of stops short of the destination. The cost, in terms of profits that would have been made had the fund manager had stayed on board until now, has been put at £3 billion.

Clients are understandably unhappy and some are threatening to take their business elsewhere unless the 15 per cent cash weighting is moved towards the current industry average of nearer 6 per cent. This puts the manager in the ludicrous position of having to reverse a policy to which it is still committed; the damage is done, and a reversal now, if those fears of a market collapse are right, would only make things worse.

So PDFM, in a rare public statement of investment policy, yesterday defended itself with reference to other occasions where it has been right and the market wrong long-term, even if its short-term performance suffered by comparison. Events will prove this one way or another. So far PDFM has been in the unfortunate position of adopting, on entirely rational grounds, a stance that most of its peers reject — so proving, yet again, that you cannot buck the markets.

Consumption is good for you

☐ THE trouble with knocking off for August is that Ken and Eddie have to face each other for two monetary meetings in September. We know what happened the first time: nothing.



Judging from newly published minutes of the duo's late-July encounter, the Governor probably continued to argue for a rate rise while the Chancellor stoutly resisted, on the ground that there was no visible sign of inflation.

The exact tone of the September 4 script is nonetheless of some interest since the Large and Large show will be replaying bang in the middle of the Tories' short Bournemouth season. By then, the meeting scheduled for Monday will have come and gone. If the bookies are right, nothing will happen after that either.

The arguments are, however, developing. In July, the Governor argued that consumer spending was picking up too fast for comfort. Not at all, soothes the Chancellor, there is no accelerating trend here. It is just that consumers are at last starting to spend after a start far too slow for the Treasury's forecasts.

Yesterday, the Bank's guns received a new delivery of ammunition. The volume of retail sales in the three months to August was 1.6 per cent higher than in the previous three. That is an annual growth rate of 6.6 per cent, the fastest since the heyday of the late 1980s boom.

About time too, the Chancellor may think. But these figures will certainly be fired at his Treasury team on Monday. The foreign exchanges seem to think the battery will eventually break their resistance. Sterling jumped a few more notches of its uptrend of the past seven weeks. Already, the discussion has shifted away from a further rate cut.

Apart from overheated markets, the timing of minor changes in base rate scarcely matters, especially ahead of more vital US rate decisions. But it is a gripping sport to watch a politician trying to square pragmatism with virtue ahead of an election. Thankfully, that should come soon enough to limit any damage from the conflict.

UK could beef up the euro debate

☐ THERE are currently two prerequisites for keeping monetary union on track for 1999. The first is that the key players must give the impression they will fulfil Maastricht's convergence criteria. To all intents and purposes this was achieved yesterday, when France delivered its budget for next year and duly said that the deficit would come down to the magic 3 per cent limit in 1997, the test year for entry into a single currency.

Nobody in the financial markets really believes that the budget arithmetic is credible. But that hardly matters as long as the markets think France is determined to sign up for the euro, backed by Germany. So despite scepticism about the budget, the markets yesterday mounted nothing more than a token attack on the franc. The negotiating focus is now moving away from deficits and towards finding agreement on the rules of the game after 1999. It now seems that consensus is near on Germany's idea of a stability pact, a system of sanctions on those who run excessive deficits after monetary union.

Perhaps finance ministers will even agree a proposal at their meeting in Dublin this weekend. It will then be worth watching how the British position evolves, given that a stability pact ends national control over fiscal policy. If Britain is still fighting with Europe over beef, voting against such a pact would be an irritating bargaining tool at this country's disposal.

Peter out

☐ AS LATE as last Friday, Morgan Grenfell was insisting that Peter Young, the man increasingly being painted as this year's Nick Leeson even down to a photogenically supportive wife, would not be dismissed immediately. He was far too useful in helping them with their inquiries. Now Mr Young has been given the push, and the suspicion must be that he is no longer proving quite so helpful. As any policeman knows, this tends to happen once the lawyers arrive to clutter up the interrogation room.

PETER NICHOLLS



Tom Farmer, chairman and chief executive of Kwik-Fit, which has lifted its profits by 19 per cent to £21.5 million

Kwik-Fit ahead in market slowdown

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

A SLOWDOWN in the market for tyres and exhausts has failed to hold back the growth of Kwik-Fit Holdings, the automotive replacement specialist.

The company yesterday announced interim pre-tax profits up by 19 per cent, to £21.5 million, in the six months to August 31, on the back of turnover up by 21 per cent, to £220 million.

Tom Farmer, the chairman, referring to the second half of the year, said: "We will aggressively promote our products and services and concentrate on realising the benefits of the significant investments already made."

The company's promotions are famous for their slogan, "You can't fit quicker than a Kwik-Fit fitter".

Profits from Kwik-Fit's Dutch business fell, but the company said that its sales in August have "shown an uplift". Kwik-Fit Insurance Services made a loss of £900,000 in the first half, but showed a net profit last month, the company said. The results include a write-off of £5.1 million to cover development costs of the insurance services arm. A profit of £7.1 million on the sale and leaseback of properties gave an exceptional profit of £7.1 million, however, so the net exceptional gain was £2 million.

Kwik-Fit now operates from 846 specialist centres. It has added 54 in the first half. Tyre sales grew by 30 per cent in the period, and exhaust sales were ahead 8 per cent.

Earnings per share rose by 16 per cent, to 8.52p. The interim dividend rises by 11 per cent, to 2.1p, payable on October 30.

UniChem and Gehe in spat

BY PAUL DURMAN

UNICHEM and the German company Gehe, rival bidders for Lloyds Chemists, yesterday clashed over what UniChem told the Monopolies and Mergers Commission about the health of pharmaceutical wholesaling.

Gehe said that UniChem's upbeat comments accompanying interim results were at odds with its statement to the MMC that "prospects for growth in sales and profits in ... pharmaceutical wholesaling seemed limited". Yesterday, UniChem said its wholesaling business was "well positioned to expand ... in a market that continues to exhibit long-term growth characteristics".

Gehe said that UniChem seemed to be willing to tailor its views to the circumstances.

After accusing Gehe of "mud-slinging", Jeff Harris, UniChem's chief executive, said: "You would expect us to put the best light on things."

UniChem's pre-tax profits for the first half of the year rose by 11.6 per cent, to £24.2 million, held back by the £877,000 cost of funding its 9.9 per cent stake in Lloyds.

UniChem announced that UniDrug, its joint venture with United Drug, has won a contract to distribute the £220 million of drugs produced by the UK arm of Bristol-Myers Squibb. Mr Harris said that UniChem believes that other leading drug companies may contract out deliveries to wholesalers.

The wholesale arm lifted its profits by 13 per cent, to £19.4 million, aided by recovery from warehouse problems.

An interim dividend of 3p (2.7p) is due on December 31.

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Next lifts payout 33% as sales prove buoyant

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

BUOYANT high street and mail order sales have helped Next, the fashion retailer, to achieve sharply higher first-half profits and to lift its interim dividend 33 per cent.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to July 31 were 27 per cent higher, at £56 million, at the top of market expectations. The interim dividend rises by 1.25p, to 5p, payable on January 2.

Shares in Next, which recently rejoined the FT-SE 100, fell back 4 per cent, to 573½p, however, on profit taking and disappointment that sales growth had slowed at the beginning of the second half.

In the first half, Next stores' sales rose by 23 per cent on selling space that was 5 per cent up on the previous year. In contrast to most of the rest of the mail order sector, Next Directory boosted sales by 23 per cent. It added 112,000 customers to make 620,000. Total sales rose to £406.4 million, from £333.3 million.

In the five weeks from August 12, following the summer sale, store sales were a relatively modest 14 per cent up on the previous year. Like-for-like sales were nearer 10 per cent up.

The company said that low stock levels at the end of the busier than expected first half were mainly responsible for the slower sales of recent weeks. Mail order sales were 20 per cent higher in the same five week period.

David Jones, chief executive, said that Next was relaxed about its £143 million cash pile, which it will use to fund dividend payouts. He said the company had no plans for share buybacks, special dividends or major acquisitions. The company looked at acquisition opportunities as they come along, he said, but had seen "nothing that is a serious challenge".

Mr Jones dismissed speculation that the appointment of Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, Next's chairman, as chairman of GUS, might lead to a link-up between the two companies.

Next has faced a setback in France, where its one store, in Paris, has seen disappointing sales. Mr Jones said: "We will run it until Christmas. It is important to give it a second season." Next's four stores in the US are not profitable, but Mr Jones hopes that new management will turn the operation around.

Expansion abroad is now being concentrated on franchises in the Middle East and the Far East and Japan, with plans to open a further ten this year, taking the total to 30. In the UK, the company plans to add up to 6 per cent space this year, mainly by extending existing stores.

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Copper prices hit Wassall

BY FRASER NELSON

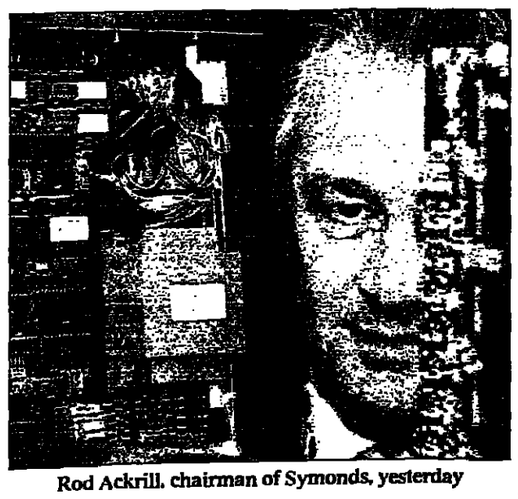
SHARES of Wassall, the industrial group, rose from 292½p to a near high of 308½p yesterday after it lifted its interim dividend 35 per cent to 2.1p.

Profits at General Cable, the cable manufacturer it bought in 1994, rose 54 per cent to £17.9 million at the operating level — 60 per cent of the group total.

However, profits were flat at its bottle tops division, which was hit as the UK drinks industry used its stockpile of tops over the period.

The company's other divisions, which span suitcases to trailer axles, also returned flat performances.

Overall, pre-tax profits were heavily affected by sharp fluctuations in copper prices. These took interim pre-tax profits down to £22.4 million from £24.4 million, a smaller



Rod Ackrill, chairman of Symonds, yesterday

Symonds acquisition

BY FRASER NELSON

SYMONDS, the computer components manufacturer, yesterday announced an agreed £4.6 million takeover offer for Osborne Group, which makes computer circuit boards. It is its fifth acquisition in two years.

performance. The acquisition will equip Symonds with an electronic assembly plant, allowing the enlarged group to provide a complete circuit board manufacturing service.

In the year to June 30, Osborne turned in pre-tax

MIN hurt by cost of failed bid

BY ERIC REGULY

THE cost of a failed acquisition attempt and the closure of two loss-making titles cut the interim earnings of Midland Independent Newspapers, one of the largest regional newspaper publishers.

Midland's abortive bid for Emap's regional titles accounted for £1.4 million while the cost of closing two free weekly newspapers in Leicester and Nottingham was £2.7 million. Newsprint prices, meanwhile, rose 35 per cent to £2.3 million.

Pre-tax profits, as a result, slumped to £3.7 million (£9.4 million), or 1.17p a share (4.58p) in the half year to June 30. Operating profits fell marginally from £10.7 million to £10.3 million on turnover that rose 12 per cent to £56.4 million.

Chris Oakley, chief executive, said the company would continue to look for acquisitions. The interim dividend, to be paid on October 24, rises

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STOCK MARKET



MICHAEL CLARK

London and New York dip on new rate fears

WORRIES that interest rates may be on the way up unnerved share prices and bonds on both sides of the Atlantic.

The latest surge in consumer spending and a call by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, at the last monetary meeting for a rise in interest rates left investors looking distinctly gloomy. This, combined with Tuesday's worse than expected government borrowing numbers, may pitch the need for a rise in interest rates to the top of the agenda at next week's meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and the Governor. Pressure for a rise in US interest rates is also growing and was responsible for an early fall of almost 25 points in the Dow Jones average last night.

Share prices in London drifted throughout the morning before closing above their worst. The FT-SE 100 index finished 16.6 points down at 3,955.7 in thin turnover with 622 million shares traded.

RTZ dropped 14½p to 936p as SBC Warburg, the broker, cut its pre-tax profits forecast for the current year by £12 million to £935 million. **P&O** recovered with a rise of 1½p at 595p helped by some positive comments from Kleinwort Benson, the broker.

AIM-listed **Tradepoint**, a rival to the London Stock Exchange, rose 5p to 105p as it prepared to celebrate its first birthday. It accounted for 8 per cent of the 8.24 million shares traded in **Grand Metropolitan**, ½p firmer at 485p, which means it was offering a more competitive price than the main market for much of the day.

National Power rose 3p to 396½p after a trading update to brokers. **PowerGen** was also 8p better at 506p and there was support for **London Electricity**, up 7½p at 618½p, and **Yorkshire**, 5p better at 727½p.

There were few surprises for shareholders at the Bass annual meeting and this was reflected in the price, which ended 1½p lighter at 792p. Sir Ian Prosser, chairman, told them that one of the best performers for the group had been its branded drinks division which included Hooch, the alcoholic lemonade.

Worries about a possible slowdown in consumer spending brought out the profit-takers, leaving the Next share price 26½p lower at 573½p by the close. Interim pre-tax profits from the group of £56 million were at the top end of expectations, with brokers like Nick Bubb at BZW upping his forecast for the full year by £3 million to £157 million.



Kevin Doyle, left, and Chris Miller of Wassall, up 16p

A strong first-half performance and encouraging noises about second-half prospects failed to lift **Kwik-Fit Holdings**, the tyre and exhaust fitter, which ended 4p cheaper at 244p. Pre-tax profits came in at the top end of expectations with the group expecting to reap the benefit of increased investment during the second half.

Tibbett & Britten, the logistics group, ended its recent strong run as the profit-takers moved in ending the session 31p lower at 632½p. Yesterday's meeting with brokers also confirmed recent speculation that its partner **Glaxo Wellcome** had pulled out of the testing of lexipafant, the oral asthma treatment. In November the group will update brokers about the progress of Marimastat, its cancer treatment, currently undergoing Phase 3 trials. The shares firmed 2p to 203½p, while Glaxo Wellcome shed 9p at 947½p.

Sears, which reported lower profits on Tuesday, finished 2½p cheaper at 94½p, while **Laura Ashley**, with figures out next week, firmed 1p to 215p.

Costain was unmoved at 59p with confirmation of almost doubled first-half losses offset by encouraging remarks about second-half trading. The group expected sales and profits to grow and interest charges and losses in the Middle East to decline.

Bryant Group rose 6½p to 133p after hitting the acquisition trail with the purchase of Admiral Homes for the equivalent of £62.2 million.

Wassall, whose chief executive is Chris Miller, was rewarded with a rise of 16p to 308½p after a 24 per cent increase in interim profits, before exceptionals, and some positive comments about trading for the rest of the year. Brokers were also impressed with the 35 per cent rise in the half-year payout.

Hunting rose 12½p to 153½p with losses of £18.4 million no worse than expected. **Tracker Network** marked time at 535p on the back of sharply reduced losses. **Britannic Assurance** was unchanged at 704p after a profits decline. Profit setbacks failed to rattle **Midland Independent Newspapers**, ½p firmer at 130p, but left **Dagenham Motors** 14p lower at 123½p.

UniChem rose 3p to 259½p with the assistance of a useful 12 per cent increase in first-half profits. **Lloyds Chemists** added 5p at 503½p.

Roxboro Group rallied 10p to 242½p after Tuesday's 80p fall prompted by talk of a fall off in demand. But **Treatt**, the ice cream maker, fell a further 9p to 249p, shaken by this week's comments that it is unlikely to make a profit in the second half.

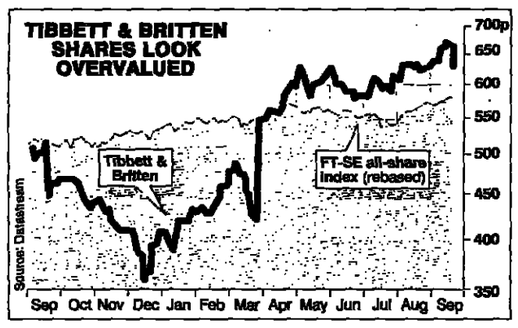
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Prices retreated across the board as worries about a possible rise in interest rates resurfaced.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt rose £$^{13}/_{32}$ to £$107^{}/_{16}$ as the total number of contracts completed reached 66,000.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £$^{}/_{8}$ to £99, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was eleven ticks off at £$103^{13}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares on Wall Street were mixed after the release of the US July trade figures. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 11.10 points lower at 5,877.73.

Thorn stood out with a rise of 9½p to 373½p, helped by NatWest Securities, the broker, which has been telling clients that recent selling of the shares has been overdone. Since the company was demerged from EMI last month the price has fallen 30p. Almost five million shares were traded.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 5877.73 (−11.10)
S&P Composite 661.80 (−1.14)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 21156.75 (−153.84)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 11594.03 (−27.58)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 563.16 (−1.11)

Sydney:
AO 2235.1 (−19.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2625.70 (−2.38)

Singapore:
Straits 2182.31 (−6.74)

Brussels:
General 9719.18 (+28.09)

Paris:
CAC-40 2072.73 (−8.13)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 777.40 (−0.10)

London:

FT 30	2838.4 (−14.3)
FT 100	3955.7 (−16.6)
FT-SE Mid 250	4433.6 (−16.4)
FT-SE A 350	1974.6 (−8.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1693.30 (−5.63)
FT A All-Share	1950.79 (−7.43)
FT Non Financials	2053.03 (−7.90)
FT Fixed Interest	113.10 (−0.08)
FT Govt Secs	93.14 (−0.18)
Bargains	37944
SEAQ Volume	622.9m
USM (Datastrm)	208.09 (−0.15)
US$	1.5608 (+0.0060)
German Mark	2.3545 (+0.0002)
Exchange Index	86.2 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2334
£:SDR	1.0758
RPI	153.1 Aug (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.8 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Amer Opps U Ln	100	...
Barbican Health	62½	...
Dairy Crest Group	184½	...
Dentmaster Hldgs	4	...
Electronic Retail	241	...
Fayrewood	45½	...
Gartland Whalley	104½	...
Grosvenor Land	14½	...
Hambros Smlr Asn C	65	– ½
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97½	...
Life Numbers	12	...
Life Numbers Wts	5	...
Pemberstone Wrts	6	...
Polydoc	70½	...
Schrod Emg Cou Wts	39	...
Schrod Emg Countrs	94½	– ½
Selector	68	...
St James Place Cptl	89	...
Value Realisation	70½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Wyko Group n/p (123) 15 ...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Air London	167½p (+35p)
Wood (Arthur)	235p (+20p)
Capital Inds	194½p (+13p)
Wassall	308½p (+16p)
Roxboro	242½p (+10p)
Avon Rubber	751p (+26p)
Greencore	345p (+10p)
Rolfe & Nolan	382½p (+10p)
Biocomps Intl	480p (+12p)
CMG	700p (+17½p)
EMAP	747p (+13½p)

FALLS:

Dag Motors	123½p (-14p)
Frost Gp	120p (-10p)
Yorklyde	181p (-10p)
Cortecs	236½p (-12p)
Tibbet & Brit	632½p (-31p)
Caradon	238½p (-10p)
MMT Comp	540p (-19p)
McKechnie	527p (-14½p)
Rank Org	451½p (-11p)
Kingfisher	654½p (-14p)
Boosey Hwks	772½p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

Fashionable as ever

TOO MUCH good news is sometimes bad news for companies. The fact that yesterday's strong Next results coincided with news of a 1 per cent rise in UK retail sales last month made some shareholders nervous. They saw hopes of a cut in interest rates fade, and an end to booming consumer sales loom. From there, the decision to sell Next shares was but a short step away.

But it would be a mistake to underestimate the strengths of the modern Next. Its first-half retail sales were up 23 per cent from selling space which increased just 5 per cent, giving an impressive 17 per cent rise in sales per square foot at £263.

The company says it is not worried that the growth in sales in the five weeks from August 12 slowed to 14 per cent — equivalent to around 10 per cent, like for like — and, indeed, it is too early to worry about a setback. Few companies have been through the trauma suffered by Next in the late Eighties, and David Jones, as chief executive, and Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, as chairman, have since proven themselves to be exceptionally light on their feet when it comes to adapting the company to changing circumstances.

Their biggest challenge will be keeping customers — particularly for ladieswear — who may be tempted away by the revived Burtons brands. But, particularly with Next Directory's potential for growth, there is no sign that the company will allow itself to fall behind. Even after yesterday's drop in share price, a forecast of a £155 million pre-tax profit means Next is on a prospective earnings multiple of 20 times. Not a bargain, but still one of the most attractive high street investments.

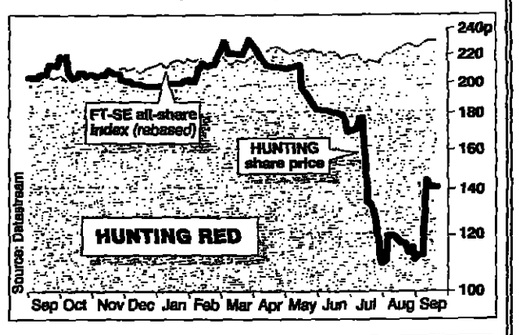
Hunting

THE last two months have knocked a large amount of the stuffing out of Hunting as it suffered from the combined effects of a huge internal blunder and what some saw as political deal-making in the defence industry.

The first problem with its Dash-8 interiors contract, which led to a £30 million provision in yesterday's interim results, was enough to push the shares down 19 per cent when the company issued a warning in July. Days later, amid complaints of heavy lobbying from defence industry giants, Hunting discovered it had missed out on two major MoD bids.

Yesterday's results, therefore, came as something of relief, with the £14.2 million pre-tax loss lower than some City expectations and analysts applauding the decision to suspend the dividend. The provisions for the Dash-8 fiasco look to be generous, and the threat of a large black hole appearing in the defence business appears to have been averted with an improved order book.

The oil business was also above expectations. Clearly, the company has moved fast to tackle the management issues, shaking up the aviation divisional team and bringing in Ernst and Young to conduct a review of the overall group's management processes and controls. A line appears to have been drawn under the problems, and while the shares are unlikely to be spectacularly exciting, they may be moving up.



MIN

MIDLAND Independent Newspapers has its back to the wall. The company, whose titles include the Birmingham *Evening Mail* and the *Coventry Telegraph*, issued a profit warning in June and made good on it yesterday.

The company, which has seen margins slip because of the difficulty in absorbing rising newsprint costs and a costly failed bid for Emap's regional titles, has been making apologies for a share price well below its 1994 issue price of 140p.

The worst may be over — two loss-making weeklies have been closed and newsprint prices have ceased to climb — but no one, including Midland's normally buoyant executives, expects a quick turnround.

Midland may try to tough it out, gambling that rising consumer confidence and advertising revenues will eventually restore its fortunes — or it could be bold, either making a big acquisition or seeking a buyer.

An acquisition, and there are plenty of opportunities around, could improve economies of scale while reducing the company's exposure to a single region. The danger is the risk of overpaying. Regional newspapers, as acquisition-hungry Newsquest has shown, are still hot commodities in spite of their slow but sure readership loss.

Midland may be running out of time. Unless the share price improves, management will come under increasing pressure to put the group on the auction block, and doing so may not be a bad thing.

UniChem

IN THE game of poker between the two companies bidding for Lloyds Chemists, it was Gehe who blinked first. UniChem has taken a more sanguine view of Lloyds' deteriorating profits and the enforced sale of several of its pharmaceutical wholesaling depots. If obstacles imposed by the MMC are overcome during the next few weeks, Gehe may be unwilling to repeat its £650 million offer.

But the German company is offering cash while UniChem will have to persuade Lloyds' shareholders to accept its paper. So they may be concerned to learn that UniChem has underperformed the FT all-share index by about 25 per cent since UniChem's last rights issue in October 1994.

UniChem's results yesterday were hit by the cost of carrying its 9.9 per cent stake. The cost of expanding Moss Chemists, the pharmacy chain, has also pushed interest costs higher. The contract to distribute to wholesalers drugs produced by Bristol-Myers Squibb looks more attractive than it perhaps is.

UniChem's shares moved 2½p higher to 259p. While the battle over Lloyds remains unresolved, investors should be wary of buying them.

COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	950-940	Dec	1059-1057
Dec	979-977	Mar	1068-1065
Mar	999-998	May	1078-1074
May	1014-1013	Jul	1088-1080
Jul	1029-1028		
Sep	1044-1042	Volume: 1403	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1600-1595	May	1415-1410
Nov	1520-1518	Jul	1410-1400
Jan	1470-1465	Sep	1410-1390
Mar	1435-1428	Volume: 3189	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	332.0-30.7
Spot: 334.0		Oct	324.5-23.2
Dec	329.5-29.0	Dec	326.5-23.6
Mar	330.0-29.6	Mar	329.5-26.6
May	329.5-28.2	Volume: 2162	

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	104.02	117.93	95.34
(+/-)	-0.98	-4.32	+1.30
Eng/Wales:	108.65	118.14	94.36
(+/-)	-1.45	-4.26	+1.03
(%)	-1.0	-3.0	+24.0
Scotland:	112.71	117.00	100.09
(+/-)	+3.90	-4.58	+2.82
(%)	+18.0	+1.0	+17.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.25	+0.25
Brent IS day (Nov)	22.20	+0.30
Brent IS day (Dec)	21.60	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	23.30	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	22.80	+0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	214 (-4)	216 (-4)
Gasoil EEC	226 (-2)	227 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	114 (n/c)	116 (n/c)
Naphtha	206 (n/c)	208 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	218.25-18.50	Jan	198.50-99.00
Nov	211.00 SLR	Feb	190.50 BID
Dec	204.25-04.75	Vol: 21202	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	22.20-22.22	Feb	20.45-20.51
Dec	21.62-21.64	Mar	19.87-19.93
Jan	21.03-21.07	Vol: 23977	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	104.50	Sep	100.50
Nov	106.30	Nov	102.25
Jan	108.10	Jan	103.75
Mar	110.00	Mar	105.25
May	112.00	May	107.25
Volume: 337		Volume: 115	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	74.5
Mar	-	74.5
Apr	69.1	67.5
	Volume: 132	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kl)
Oct 89.00-89.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 96	1010	1006	1006
Oct 96	1155	1125	1145
Nov 96	1236	1220	1220
Jan 97	1250	1238	1245
Vol: 369 lots		Open interest: 3822	
	Index 1011 -4		

(Official) (Volume prev day)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 1911.0-1912.0	3mth: 1910.0-1911.0	Vol: 2334975
Lead ($/tonne)	780.00-781.00	782.00-783.00	4972075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1003.0-1003.5	1030.5-1031.0	1923250
Tin ($/tonne)	6050.0-6055.0	6130.0-6135.0	36845
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1391.5-1392.0	1457.0-1457.5	84516
Nickel ($/tonne)	7300.0-7305.0	7410.0-7415.0	33900

FT-SE INDEX (*3953)

3850 3900 3950 4000 4050 4100

Calls

Sep	115	65	20	1	7	1
Oct	128	87	53	36½	10½	3
Nov	153½	115	83	55	34	18
Dec	185½	147½	113	84	58½	40
Jun	—	237	—	185	—	135½

Puts

Sep	1	1	7	47	97	147
Oct	13½	23	39	65½	99½	147
Nov	27½	39½	57½	81½	112	150
Dec	45	59½	77	99½	126½	160½
Jun	—	140½	—	186½	—	237

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Sep 96	3976.0	3981.0	3956.0	3963.0	16369
Previous open interest: 65940	Dec 96	4003.0	4007.0	3982.0	3993.0	10435
FT-SE 250	Sep 96	4445.0	4445.0	4445.0	4445.0	285
Previous open interest: 3890	Dec 96	4480.0	4480.0	4480.0	4480.0	285
Three Month Sterling	Sep 96	94.15	94.16	94.13	94.13	5173
Previous open interest: 455796	Dec 96	94.14	94.16	94.07	94.08	51498
	Mar 97	93.98	94.01	93.88	93.90	37385
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.17	99.18	99.17	99.18	625
	Jun 97	98.98	98.98	98.98	98.99	280
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 96	96.80	96.82	96.80	96.82	17817
Previous open interest: 978992	Mar 97	96.69	96.73	96.69	96.72	18924
Long Gilt	Sep 96	108-12	108-12	107-31	108-04	1016
Previous open interest: 130609	Dec 96	107-22	107-26	107-08	107-14	66530
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	122.10	122.37	122.10	122.36	2479
	Mar 97				121.35	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 96	97.96	98.29	97.95	98.31	190381
Previous open interest: 213876	Mar 97	97.10	97.24	97.04	97.15	227
Three month ECU	Dec 96	95.76	95.77	95.74	95.75	823
Previous open interest: 20436	Mar 97	95.74	95.75	95.71	95.73	619
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 96	97.92	98.04	97.92	98.01	8800
Previous open interest: 72363	Mar 97	97.82	97.93	97.82	97.91	5177
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 96	117.78	117.78	117.22	117.64	66009
Previous open interest: 67382	Mar 97				116.94	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½. Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5⅝ Week fixed: 5¹¹/₁₆
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¼-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5¼	6¼-6⅛
Interbank:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5⅛	5⅛-5¼	6¼-6⅛

Overnight: open 5⅛, close 6¼.

Local Authority Deps:	5¼ n/a 5⅜ 5¼ 6⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5¼ 5⅛-5¼ 5⅜-5⅝ 5¼-5⅜ 6-5¹⁵/₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.42 n/a 5.53 5.74 6.06
Building Society CDs:	5⅝-5½ 5⅝-5½ 5⅝-5¼ 5⅛-5¼ 6¼-6⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5-4
Deutschemark:	3¼-2¹⁵/₁₆	3¼-3	3¼-2¹⁵/₁₆	3¼-3	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3⅜-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	4-3
Swiss Franc:	1¾-1½	1¾-1¹³/₁₆	2-1¾	2¼-1¹⁵/₁₆	2-1
Yen:	⅛-¹/₁₆	⅛-¹/₁₆	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.70-383.00 Close: $383.10-383.60 High: $383.40-383.90
Low: $382.00-382.90 AM: $382.90 PM: $383.00

Krugerrand: $382.00-385.00 (£245.00-247.0)

Platinum: $388.50 (£248.70) Silver: $5.08 (£3.255) Palladium: $120.50 (£77.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Sept 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6364-2.6467	2.6364-2.6395	¼-¼pr	2-1½pr
Brussels	48.422-48.620	48.422-48.513	14-9pr	35-29pr
Copenhagen	9.0597-9.0920	9.0597-9.0696	1¼-1¼pr	4¼-3¾pr
Dublin	0.9659-0.9704	0.9674-0.9689	3pr-1ds	3pr-3ds
Frankfurt	2.3526-2.3610	2.3526-2.3548	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr
Lisbon	239.91-240.92	239.91-240.19	¼-1ds	¾-1ds
Madrid	197.08-198.69	197.98-198.23	23-33ds	57-75ds
Milan	2376.7-2384.5	2376.7-2379.4	5-6ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.1326-2.1428	2.1395-2.1416	0.35-0.39pr	0.66-0.58pr
New York	1.5560-1.5622	1.5600-1.5609	0.05-0.03pr	0.083-0.052pr
Oslo	10.070-10.111	10.070-10.080	¼-¼pr	¼-¼pr
Paris	8.0050-8.0460	8.0161-8.0218	1¼-1¼pr	4¼-4pr
Stockholm	10.323-10.368	10.323-10.342	¼-¼pr	¼-¼pr
Tokyo	170.10-171.97	170.10-170.29	¼-¼pr	2¼-2¼pr
Vienna	16.552-16.615	16.552-16.570	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr
Zurich	1.9349-1.9426	1.9349-1.9371	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2669-1.2677
Austria	10.61-10.62
Belgium (Com)	31.04-31.08
Canada	1.3713-1.3718
Denmark	5.8113-5.8133
France	5.1400-5.1410
Germany	1.5082-1.5087
Hong Kong	7.7323-7.7333
Ireland	1.6123-1.6143
Italy	1523.1-1523.6
Japan	109.05-109.10
Malaysia	2.4968-2.4975
Netherlands	1.6904-1.6914
Norway	6.4600-6.4637
Portugal	153.90-153.95
Singapore	1.4065-1.4075
Spain	126.97-127.07
Sweden	6.6181-6.6256
Switzerland	1.2406-1.2416

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5610-1.5636
Australia dollar	1.9771-1.9790
Bahrain dinar	0.580-0.592
Brazil real*	1.5875-1.5917
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7175-0.7275
Finland markka	7.0230-7.1410
Greece drachma	371.0-378.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.0712-12.0758
India rupee	55.13-56.09
Indonesia rupiah	3575.0-3643.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4715
Malaysia ringgit	3.8980-3.9010
New Zealand dollar	2.2236-2.2299
Pakistan rupee	56.90 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.600-5.724
Singapore dollar	2.1940-2.1962
S Africa rand (com)	5.74 6.06
U A E dirham	5.650-5.774

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,700	Marks Spr	2,900
ASDA Gp	23,000	NatWst Bk	1,500
Abbey Nti	1,800	Nat Grid	2,000
Allied Dom	1,900	Nat Power	10,100
Argos	436	Next	4,800
All Foods	656	Orange	2,800
BAA	3,700	P & O	2,400
BAT Inds	10,100	Pearson	715
BOC	538	Pilkington	1,300
BP	3,500	PowerGen	3,900
BSkyB	582	Prudential	1,900
BTR	8,100	RMC	335
BT	6,400	RTZ	4,100
Bk of Scot	4,200	Railtrack	1,800
Barclays	3,000	Rank Org	2,000
Bass	1,200	Reckitt Col	638
Blue Circle	633	Redland	1,300
Boots	924	Reed Intl	1,100
Bae	911	Rentokil	3,600
BA	1,300	Reuters	2,500
Brit Gas	4,700	Rolls Royce	7,000
Brit Steel	4,600	Royal & Sun	2,300
Burmah Cstl	308	Royal Bk Sct	4,400
Burton	4,300	Safeway	3,300
Cable Wire	3,900	Sainsbury	4,300
Cadbury	1,000	Schroders	22
Carlton Cms	1,300	Scot & New	712
Cm Union	2,400	Scot Power	1,200
Courtaulds	5,600	Svrn Trent	354
Dixons	2,000	Shell Trans	3,600
EMI	1,400	Siebe	852
Enterpr Oil	1,300	SmKl Bch	1,100
GKN	562	Smith Nph	3,400
GRE	1,200	Smiths Inds	362
GUS	1,300	Sthern Elec	2,200
Gen Acc	502	Sud Chartd	734
Gen Elec	3,600	TI Gp	1,200
Glaxo Wel	3,300	Tate & Lyle	168
Granada	1,400	Tesco	4,500
Grand Met	8,200	Thames W	603
Guinness	5,900	Thorn	4,700
HSBC	965	Tomkins	3,100
Hanson	10,700	Unilever	4,000
ICI	687	Utd Utilities	146
Kingfisher	1,100	Utd News	1,400
LASMO	2,600	Vodafone	7,200
Ladbroke	1,300	Whitbread	1,400
Land Secs	410	Wilms Hld	1,000
Legal & Gn	1,300	Wolseley	1,500
Lloyds TSB	14,900	Zeneca	801

WALL STREET

	Sep 18 midday	Sep 17 close
AMP Inc	39¾	38¾
AMR Corp	80½	81
ASA	39¾	39¾
AT & T	57¼	57
Abbott Labs	47¾	47¾
Advanced Micro	13¼	14¾
Aetna Life	69½	69½
Ahmanson (H F)	26¾	26¾
Air Prod & Chem	57¼	57¼
Airtouch Comm	28½	28¾
Albertn-Culver B	42¾	42¾
Albertson's	41	41
Alcan Aluminium	31¼	31½
Alco Standard	47¼	47¼
Allied Signal	62¾	63¼
Alum Co of Am	62¾	63¾
Amax Gold Inc	6	5⅞
Amerada Hess	53	52¾
Amer Brands	43¼	43½
Amer El Power	41¼	41¼
Amer Express	44¾	45½
Amer Genl Corp	37¼	38
Amer Home Pr	61¼	62¾
Amer Intl	98	98¾
Amer Stores	39½	40
Amer Standard	34¼	34¾
Ameritech	52¾	53
Amoco	70½	70¾
Anheuser-Busch	39	39½
Apple Computer	23¾	23
Archer Daniels	18¾	18¾
Armco	4¼	4¼
Armstrng Wrld	63½	63½
Asarco	26¼	26¾
Atl Richfield	125	124¼
Auto Data Pro	44½	44½
Avery Dennison	54¼	54½
Avon Products	48¼	49
Baker Hughes	30¼	30½
Baltim Gas & El	25½	25½
Bank One	39½	39½
BankAmerica	81¼	81½
Bankt of NY	28½	29¾
Bankers Tr NY	80½	80½
Barnett Banks	33½	33½
Baxter Int'l	36¼	36
Bausch & Lomb	30¼	30
Bear Stearns	23¾	23¾
Bell Atlantic	57½	58
Bell Industries	15¼	15½
BellSouth	37¼	37¾
Black & Decker	40¾	40¾
Block (H&R)	28½	28¾
Boeing	91¼	91
Boise Cascade	33	33¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	95½	95¾
Browning Ferris	26¾	25
Brunswick	23¾	23¾
Burlington Nthn	82½	83¼
CMS Energy Corp	29½	29½
CNA Financial	99¾	99¾
CPC Intl	72¾	72¾
CSX	51	51
Campbell Soup	77¼	77¼
Can Pacific	23¾	23¾
Carolina Pwr	34¼	34¼
Caterpillar	73¾	73¾
Central & SW	26¼	26¼
Champion Intl	47¼	47¼
Chase Manhat	77¾	78¼
Chevron Corp	63¾	63¾
Chrysler	28½	28¾
Chubb Corp	44¾	45
Cigna Corp	118¼	119
Cincorp	87½	87¾
Clorox	96¼	96¾
Coastal Corp	40¾	40¾
Coca Cola	61¼	62¼
Coca Cola Ent	40¾	40¾
Colgate-Palmolive	85½	85½
Columbia Gas	56½	56¾
Columbia/HCA	56½	57¼
Compaq Comp	64¼	66
Comp Ass Int	60¾	60¾
Conagra	45	45¼
Conrail	71¼	71¼
Cons Edison	28½	28¾
Cons Nat Gas	53¾	54
Cooper Inds	41¼	41¼
Coregates	42¾	42¾
Corning Inc	38¾	38¾
Crown Cork	46¾	46¾
Dana Corp	30¾	30¾
Dayton Hudson	34½	35¼
Deere	41¼	42¼
Delta Air Lines	69	69¾
Deluxe Corp	38¾	38¾
Digital Equip	42¾	42¾
Dillard Dept St	34¾	34½
Disney (Walt)	61	61¼
Dominion Res	37¾

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Another taste of PepsiCo

THE fizzy drinks war is still bubbling after Karl von der Heyden, a former non-executive director at Cadbury Schweppes, was yesterday appointed chief financial officer and vice-chairman of PepsiCo. Mr von der Heyden, 60, who was with PepsiCo between 1974 and 1980, has signed a one-year contract with the beverage giant. More disappointing news for Cadbury Schweppes: it heard this week that the European Commission needs more time to complete its inquiry into the £620 million sale of Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages to Coca-Cola Enterprises.

DAVID JONES is mixing business with pleasure in launching a new range of golf clothing. The competitive chief executive of Next, who is taking lessons from his wife and son at home in Yorkshire, plays off a 21 handicap. The pinnacle of his golfing career was in Georgia when he took on Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, chairman of Next, at Augusta, the exclusive venue of the US masters.

Smash hit

PAUL DIXON, chief executive of Dixon Motors, is celebrating the "smashing" success of his company's new flagship showroom that opened two months ago in Sheffield. Speaking at the official opening ceremony this week, he attributed the majority of the new custom to the temporary faulty traffic lights at the entrance of the two-and-a-half-acre retail development and repair centre. "They have been creating work on our very doorstep. To those unfortunate enough to have had a bump or a scratch or two at the lights, our apologies for the inconvenience, but thanks for your business."



Bubbling over

A WHIZ-KID from the LSE, Mick Jagger's alma mater, is this year's winner of the Rummikub City Competition, thrashing Rupert Lowenstein, manager of The Rolling Stones. Chris Cooper, 22, a student, beat John Davies, a partner at Roundhouse Financial Services, in the nail-biting final of the board game championship. Davies got his own back, however, when Cooper was awarded a £45 bottle of bubbly that he opened with all the skill of a hard-up student and lost the lot over the excited crowd.

Jellyfish win

REASSURING news for Gary "Jellyfish" Lineker who has been voted children's favourite financial role model, running away with 14 per cent of votes compared with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who was awarded a measly 1 per cent along with Madonna. Fifty per cent of parents feel awkward talking to their children about money, according to a survey from the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds. When it comes to swallowing jargon, Scottish children leave their British counterparts standing; 80 per cent know what VAT stands for, compared with a national average of 46 per cent.

ECONOMIC VIEW — ANATOLE KALETSKY



Make no mistake, monetary union is at heart a done deal

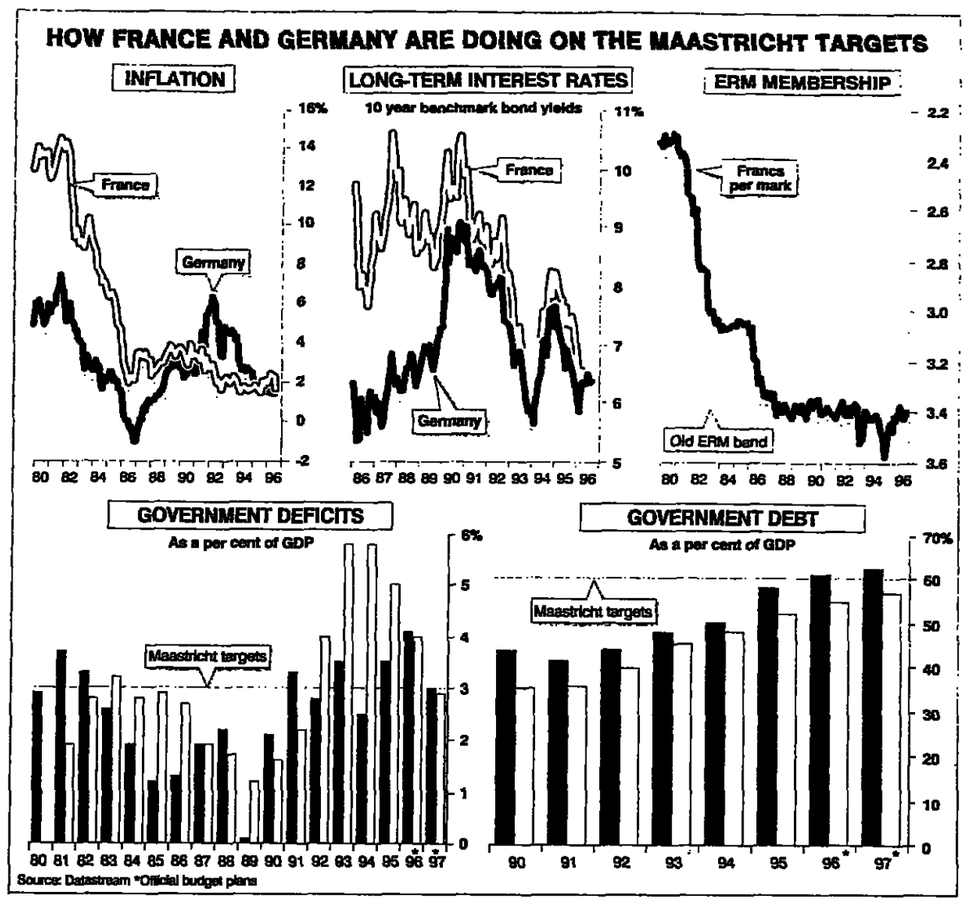
Three major events ensure there can no longer be any serious doubt that there will be a common currency

When European finance ministers meet tomorrow morning in Dublin, two of them will wear a sickeningly smug smile. European monetary union is a done deal. There can no longer be any serious doubt that Germany and France, along with a few other countries, will create a common currency after 1999. Why do I make such a categorical assertion? There have been three great breakthroughs for European monetary federalism in the past three weeks.

Three weeks ago, the German parliament passed a package of spending cuts designed to reduce the German Government deficit by 1997 to below the Maastricht target of 3 per cent of GDP. Last week France and Germany apparently agreed on the outlines of a "stability pact" to impose Teutonic fiscal discipline on members of EMU after 1999 (of which more below). And yesterday the French Government presented its 1997 budget. Not very surprisingly, this showed the French deficit also meeting the 3 per cent target. In fact, the French managed to give themselves a bit of symbolic leeway: their fiscal projections showed deficits falling steadily from 5.3 per cent last year to 4 per cent in 1996 and 2.9 per cent in 1997.

If the French and German Governments manage to stick to their budgets (which, contrary to market expectations, they just may) there could not be the slightest doubt about EMU going ahead. Neither the German constitutional court nor the German public, nor Helmut Kohl himself could stop it, since their country would be bound by a solemn treaty obligation to abandon the mark. For Germany to refuse to abide by this obligation would have roughly the same effect on Franco-German relations as a formal declaration from Bonn that the Fatherland's true borders incorporate Alsace-Lorraine. In any case, under German law, the only grounds on which the constitutional court or the Bundestag could block EMU would be that the Maastricht convergence criteria had not been properly satisfied. Therefore, if France and Germany both hit the 3 per cent target, there would not even be a case for the judges to hear or for the deputies to debate.

But wait a minute. All these are hypothetical statements. They all rest on the premise that Germany and France will actually hit their fiscal targets — and almost nobody believes this, at least in the case of France. While most observers have been impressed by Herr Kohl's ability to push genuine cuts in public spending through the German parliament, the reaction to the French budget yesterday was a sceptical yawn. The French growth projections were generally viewed as over-optimistic. The cuts in government spending were smaller than expected. And worst of all, roughly half the reduction in next year's deficit was simply the result of an accounting trick. The *Trésor* had "agreed" with the government-appointed management of France Telecom to accept a one-off payment of Fr37.5 billion, equivalent to roughly 0.5 per cent GDP, in exchange for taking over some of the state-owned company's pensions obligations. In the eyes of many market analysts this manifestly fraudulent device has discredited the whole French budget.



But as happens so often, the market's instant reaction may be exactly wrong. By relying on accounting tricks rather than genuine policy changes, the French actually make it more likely that they will hit their budget targets. For one thing, accounting tricks cause no political pain (at least until the money has to be found to pay France Telecom's future pensioners). They are not going to be abandoned in response to street protests — as were many of the French Government's more serious efforts to cut public spending. But the French gimmicks have a bigger advantage. Once the principle of one-off transfers from the public sector to the state is granted, there is almost no limit to how much more the *Trésor* can extract from this pot of gold.

In the end EMU will not be settled by economists but by lawyers and politicians

The French state controls 54 per cent of GDP, including numerous vast and profitable enterprises in addition to France Telecom. If the economy fails to pick up, or tax revenues prove disappointing, what is there to stop the Government taking money from *Electricite de France, Gaz de France, Framatome* or any other nationalised company? The simple answer is that the rules laid down at Maastricht do not allow privatisation proceeds to be included in the definition of general government financial deficit. This objection, however, is laughably naive. It ignores the ingenuity of the French *énarques* in devising ways round the rules, not to mention the fact that adjudicators who enforce these rules are the European Commission — hardly a disinterested party.

But what about the constitutional court in Germany and the central bankers on the European Monetary Institute? Let us suppose for a moment that the central bankers and judges did have the courage (or arrogance) to denounce the elected governments of Europe as liars — and not on a moral principle, but on a minor point of national income accounting. The politicians would still have two trump cards up their sleeves.

First they would play the stability pact. The most cogent objection to the French accounting gimmicks is that they are one-off devices, which simply transfer money from one year to another and would therefore leave government deficits in future years higher than in 1997. But with a stability pact supposedly guaranteeing the maintenance of low deficits in the future, this objection would immediately fall. In this sense the stability pact and the one-off accounting gimmicks are two sides of the same coin. That is presumably why France has suddenly become much more amenable to the German demands for such a stability pact — knowing full well that the fines and other sanctions enshrined in such a pact are unlikely ever to prove enforceable in practice.

The second trump card would be even more powerful. It is the Maastricht treaty itself. The treaty states that each country's readiness for EMU must be judged by "the achievement of a high degree of sustainable convergence by reference to four criteria". Recently all attention has focused on just one of these criteria — "sustainability of government financial positions", as defined by the deficit and public debt targets. But the other three criteria — price stability, currency stability and convergence of long-term interest rates — are given just as much weight in the treaty.

The treaty does not make clear whether the four criteria must be judged separately or together for each country. But imagine a situation in which one of the four criteria is missed by a hair's breadth — and a very debatable hair's breadth at that — while the other three are met conclusively and without the slightest room for any dispute. Suppose, further, that the convergence achieved on the other criteria is many times closer than the treaty envisaged. That is, in fact, almost certain to happen. The inflation criterion requires the inflation rates of EMU members to be within 1.5 percentage points of each other; today the gap is less than 0.5 percentage points. The interest rate criterion requires bond yields to be within 2 percentage points. Today French and German bonds yields are less than 0.1 per cent apart. The exchange rate criterion requires membership of the ERM within the normal fluctuation bands. Since 1993 the ERM bands have been 15 per cent wide, but the Bundesbank has never accepted these as the "normal" margins and now it looks like both France and Germany are determined to keep their currencies within the old 2.25 per cent bands.

On all these criteria, therefore, the Maastricht convergence programme could easily be judged a triumph. And furthermore, a glance at history (or the charts above) show that recent fiscal deficits might easily be called "temporary and exceptional", as the treaty allows.

As an economist I could argue endlessly against monetary union. But if I were a lawyer, I would not accept a case with the odds stacked against me like this. And in the end EMU will not be settled by economists but by lawyers and politicians.

☐ *From next week Economic View will appear on Fridays.*

BUSINESS LETTERS

Challenge of competing for the green markets of the future

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Environmental Protection

Sir, I was delighted to read the Executive Voice commentary by Terry Thomas, managing director of the Co-operative Bank (Business News, September 14).

It is clear that the bank has adopted a creative green strategic approach to its business, which other banks and companies would do well to follow.

The recent United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report on engaging stakeholders emphasises the importance of involving both employees and customers in developing genuinely environmentally sustainable strategies for business.

The challenge for British business is to combine wealth with careful resource management, and to recognise that consumers do not want to live in an environment polluted by the production process, however profitable it may be.

Recently, Tony Blair opened the National Centre for Business and Ecology at the University of Salford, sponsored by the Co-operative Bank and four Greater Manchester universities. This important new institution will help to support the creative partnerships of banks, businesses, local authorities and academic institutions that we need for the future. It will support the Agenda 21 decisions of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development. And it will help to give added utility to the new Green Accounts issued for the first time last month by the Office of National Statistics.

Green business can be profitable. The global market for pollution abatement technology alone is expected to amount to £400 billion a year by the end of the decade. The future of the British economy will depend on our success in competing for the environmentally friendly markets of the future. It is not the least of the challenges that will face the incoming Labour government seeking to develop policies for a stakeholder society.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MEACHER,
House of Commons,
SW1.

Interest overdue on late payments

From Mr John Good

Sir, As a retired trade association executive I note that late payment is on the agenda again. I have lost count of the pronouncements on this subject by the CBI and its predecessor the FBI.

Now we are to have a standard, voluntary of course!

When will the Government, which professes to value the contribution of small firms to the economy, and the trade organisations accept that exhortations, codes of practice and standards will not protect the weak seller from a strong buyer.

The persistence of the problem is surely the strongest argument for a statutory right to charge interest on overdue accounts.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GOOD,
14 Garden Royal,
Kersfield Road,
SW15.

It Asda be more balanced

From Mr David Stone

Sir, Your piece "Asda adds six stores" (Business News, September 12) reports that the result will be the creation of 2,700 new jobs next year.

I have some trouble with this apparently laudable outcome, in that assuming Asda's aims are: 1 to increase market share; 2 to increase productivity; 3 to increase profits. The inevitable conclusion must be, in the absence of significant increase in consumption, an overall loss of full-time jobs in the UK economy, ie, those jobs shed by their smaller/weaker competitors who, typically, source from the UK.

This may be a good or bad thing, I don't know, but I would welcome more balanced reporting of chairmen's statements and PR releases.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID STONE,
4 Friars Walk,
Lakeside,
Newent, Gloucestershire.

Matthew Clark's origins not so humble

From Mr Francis Gordon Clark

Sir, Enough of the "humble origins" (Pennington, September 13). Matthew Clark was founded in 1810 and became a public company in 1953.

From then until 1990 it produced steady growth for its shareholders without once asking them for cash.

Between 1975 and 1989 its profits increased tenfold and earnings per share rose from 5.6p to 44.4p (exactly the same figure given for 1996).

It was distributor for, or owner of, more brand leaders than any other independent company in the wine and spirit sector and was respected for its skill in looking after them.

Journalists, analysts and investors who have been in the game for seven years or more would agree that Matthew Clark was a well-regarded, well-managed company with loyal, long-term, satisfied institutional shareholders. Do you recall the fiasco of Warren Plantation's dawn raid?

Capitalised at about £50 million, it was not large, but, with names like Martell, De Kuyper, Taittinger, Grahams, Stones, Old England, Grand Marnier Chartreuse, Benedictine, Fundador and the Irish Distillers brands of Jameson and Bushmills, humble it emphatically was not.

Yours faithfully,
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Designer duds for the corporate uniform market

Businesses are seeking exclusive and distinctive images, says Susan Gray

Top hotel and restaurant staff are often better dressed than their customers it now seems as fashion designers make inroads in the corporate uniform market.

Although airlines and perfume houses have long been using designers to create a look for their staff, investment in fashionable outfits across the service sector is relatively new. The present interest in corporate designer clothers goes beyond the Eighties corporate image where a uniform look was thought to secure high sales.

Miranda Pothecary, a London-based designer, says businesses are now looking to fashion designers to give them exclusivity and distinction in the market place. "If you go out to dinner in the West End, you don't want to see the staff in the same clothes as the restaurant down the road."

She has just designed the managers' outfit of the newly opened Café de Paris near members' only club in black flared trousers and cardigan, or halter neck dress, both in heavy jersey. "Guests are paying membership fees for somewhere they know customers and staff will be dressed up," she says. Evening elegance costs about £600 an outfit.

Having designed corporate daywear for cabin crew and cosmetic counter staff, Ms Pothecary now works only on evening wear. "With corporate uniforms the job of the designer is to get the best possible image for the company. Unfortunately, there's never just one person to decide what that image should be so the designer gets caught in the crossfire if bosses aren't thinking along the same lines."

Corporate buyers can be unrealistic about budgets and sizing to get a tailored fit. Staff need two outfits, each renewed annually. Normal retail sizing will not work where staff range from short and petite to tall and well built. New textiles



Isabell Kristensen with staff from the Clementine restaurant at the Churchill Hotel

hard-wearing quality less of a problem. From a designer's point of view, fabric quality gives corporate work the edge over producing ranges for high street retailers. From the business side, the cost of briefing a designer is justified by originality, garment quality

signer takes the essence of an idea and reinterprets it for the customer."

Isabell Kristensen, who has designed for the Duchess of York, worked in dark mauve for the uniform redesign of the Churchill Hotel in 1994. Christopher Cowdray, general

standing to possess its own identity. The striking uniforms were part of a £10 million investment to refit the hotel and we wanted the staff to feel that they were part of that investment as well. Staff would not feel the same pride

proud that working at the Churchill means something different."

Dark mauve was chosen to complement the light greens and grey marble of the Churchill lobby. Mr Cowdray says the look created fits in with the current ambience of the Clementine restaurant, lobby and bar and should last for another two or three years.

If the hotel changes the concept of the restaurant, lobby and bar before then, it will look at uniforms afresh. Mr Cowdray estimates that commissioning Ms Kristensen cost about £50,000, with replacement uniforms running at £150 for a waiter's waistcoat and trousers to £500 for a doorman with a top hat, winter and summer coat.

The design is worn by all the front-of-house staff except the restaurant manager, who wears a dark suit. "Isabell has given the Churchill branding, and the feedback from customers is very positive," Mr Cowdray says.

Companies seeking a designer look without paying designer prices can turn to

corporate range by Elizabeth Emanuel, designer to Diana, Princess of Wales. Marcel Plesner, managing director, says: "Women managers demand a softer look and the Emanuel name is certainly helping to sell the range." Mr Plesner is critical of major corporate uniform suppliers that dress female managers in the same quality and cut of fabric as housekeeping staff. With individual items priced under £100, retail Emanuel is more affordable than couture.

Female customers have been more conservative than Mr Plesner anticipated. "Our best seller is the navy management suit, and skirts are far more popular than trousers.

Having worked with London College of Fashion students to design waiters' and busboys' uniforms on Orient Lines's MV Marco Polo, Mr Plesner says he may introduce more designer ranges.

Wallers has an annual turnover of £500,000 and supplies formal morning suits to everyone from the cast of *Yes Minister* to freemasons' lodges worldwide, show-

Equities and gilts lose ground

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	419	Allied Domecq	465½	+ 6	6.3	17.6
626	500	Bulmer (HP)	549		5.0	18.4
131	94½	Burn Stewart	94½		6.6	20.4
775	615	Glenmorangie A	775		1.9	19.9
491½	417	Grand Met	485	+ ½	3.9	20.6
493	435	Robertson	462½	- 17½	10	15.1
378	315	Highland Dist	342½		2.8	16.2
403	342½	Matthew Clark	362½		6.3	17.3
141	93	Morgan Wt	120		4.6	11.2
2613½	1606½	SA Breweries	1650			22

BANKS

3716½	2147½	ABN AMRO	3512½	+ 16½	3.9	12.3
665	508	Abbey Natl	621	+ 2	4.7	11.6
386	316	Allied Irish	386	- 2	4.7	10.9
295	234	Alex Hire Z	243½	- 6½	5.3	8.6
5443½	3843½	Bank Americas	5387½			
316	223½	Bank Scotland	256	½	3.3	10.9
953	683	Barclaysyrt	848½	- 1	3.7	10.4
494½	413	Bk of Ireland	494½		9.8	11.3
483	379	Cater Allen	418½		9.0	12.4
5668½	4031½	Citicorp	5662½			
352	318	Close Bros	343½	- 1	3.3	15.2
1751½	1131½	Commerzbk	1146½	+ 30	3.5	
1350	1068½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1103½	+ 6½	0.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3090½		2.5	
806½	560½	Espirito Santo	800	- 3½	4.4	10.8
1501	1127½	Fuji Bank Y	1295½	+ 1½	0.4	
673	525	Gerrard Nat	527½	- 5	9.8	10.4
264½	196	Hambros	260	+ 3½	3.6	
1207½	931	HSBC†	1185	- 8½	4.0	11.2
1177	930	HSBC HK†	1154½	- 10	4.1	10.9
644½	385	Irish Perm	444½	+ 2	3.2	12.2
177	143	King Shaxson	168½		6.2	14.6
458	405	Lazards 'A'	455		5.4	16.5
401	294½	Lloyds TSB†	397	- 2½	3.8	10.6
853	566	Nat Aust Bk	823½	- 3½	3.0	8.9
711	609½	Nat Westm†	683½	- 2½	4.8	9.8
66	49	Prov Investmt	53		9.2	45.3
586	468	Royl Bk Scot	489½	- ½	4.3	10.8
1462½	1185	Schroders†	1350		1.6	15.8
1137½	880	Schroders NV†	1087½		2.0	12.4
194	99½	Sngp & Fred	127½	- ½	4.2	9.2
729	547	Standd Chartd†	717½	- 1	2.1	13.6
1152½	855½	Unionl	114		3.3	12.5
6174	4133½	Wells Fargo	6164½		2.0	
3329½	364	Westpac	317	- 9½	4.5	9.7
360	268	Wintrust	345	- 5	4.5	17.3

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

90	36	Aardn Stk Hld	70			5.9
387	263	Ascot Hldgs	329½	- ½		12.5
829½	702	Bass	782	- ½	3.7	17.1
70	40	Brh for the Bth	49½		4.3	15.1
177	161	Burkmyr Brw	167		9.1	15.1
1364½	1144½	City Centre Restr	1324		3.0	14.4
631	463	Compass Gp	563½	+ 1	1.8	26.4
266	198	Dobsons P Vnt	255½	+ 4	1.6	20.4
640	413	Fuller Sm A	467½		2.5	16.9
836	546	Grosvenor Inv	580½	+ 4	3.5	15.6
671	567½	Greene King'A'	644½		3.0	16.1
285	190	Grosvenor Inns†	210	- 2½	3.5	32.3
296	204	Group Chez Ger	231½			14.3
357	297	Hardy Haron	297½		5.3	11.1
3475	3025	Hdlt J	3603½		2.3	16.5
72	45	Inn Business†	71		1.0	13.6
355	309	Mansfield	309		3.4	15.1
553½	475	Morgan Crup	548½	- 2½	3.2	11.9
673	555	Morland	660		2.5	16.2
154	118	My Finde Town	148		2.5	14.6
7½	4½	Paramount	5½		5.0	8.8
170½	123	Pelican Grp	169½		3.5	23.1
459½	347	Portmeirion	433		4.0	12.7
436	345	Ramsdens (H)	427½	- 9½	4.6	11.6
253	138½	Regent Inns	227½	- 5½	0.9	25
700	661	Rest & Rmnt	666½	- 2½	4.5	14.7
265	188	Tom Cobleigh	252½		3.5	13.7
1262	1000	Trust Group	1239½	- 2½	1.8	17.5
1858½	1640	Wetherspoon JD†	1825	+ 25	1.5	18.0
758	623	Whitbread	691	- 4½	4.0	11.9
693	573	Wolverhmptn D	668½	- 6	5.3	13.9
307	252	Yates Bros	301	- 3½	4.5	14.5
650	455	Young A	645		2.9	15.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

35	15	AAF Inds	31½			
1302	935	Ashtead	1260			5.5
295	212½	Alton	288½		3.0	19.0
121	87½	Amec	108	+ 3	3.6	17.6
349	117	Amey	351½	- 2	2.7	22.7
295	234	Andrew Sykes	287½	- 2½	3.5	15.1
2329½	1521	Amicell	1470	+ 10	1.7	17.9
38	30	Ashtenside	35½			35
32½	24	Bailey (Wm Cnr)	30½		4.3	12.3
96	54	Bacom	92½			17
281	236	Barratt Devs	272	- ½	3.6	16.7
513	366	Beazer Homes	479	- 1½	4.1	14.5
344	249	Bellway	343½		3.8	17.1
21	14½	Bellwinch	16			
620	483	Berkeley Grp	615	+ 8½	1.2	17.7
173	133½	Bett Bros	163½		4.1	9.9
350	276	Bovis (Henry)	329		4.1	9.5
133	91	Brandon Hire	130½		2.5	16.9
30	19	Britannia Grp	27½	- 2	7.3	22.9
54	31	Br Mstg & Emg	52½			
135	104	Bryant	133	+ 6½	4.9	
168	85	CALA	165½		4.1	
20	10	Campbell & Arm	10½			6.3
611	37	Clarke Ty	61½		9.0	
102	35	Costain	99		7.4	8.3
87	51	Countrywide†	73½		4.8	
95	54½	Crest Nicholson	75½	+ ½	3.3	20.0
88	65½	Cussons	69½	+ 3	7.0	11.3
220	118	Evo Group	140		0.9	
75	55	Galliford	70		6.2	45.3
863	733	Gleeson (MJ)	842½	+ 5	2.3	15.6
61	45½	Green (Eric)	45½		7.4	
379	265	Hanelock Euro	371½	+ 1	1.1	27.5
183	119	Hawden Stuart	129½		3.0	13.9
102	78	Hargs. & Hill	101		5.6	
15	11	Howard Hldgs†	18		5.6	16.5
109	33	Jarvis	89	+ ½		41.0
188	128	Kellett	172	+ ½	3.2	14.3
325	244½	Lang (J)	258½	-		
317	97	Laing (A & Co Pf	105½	+ ½	7.6	
21	9½	Lovell (Y.J)	10½			
218	191	Maunders (J)	192½		3.7	12.1
191	138	McAlpine (A)	157½		5.6	
101	66	McCarthy & S	98½	- 1	2.2	13.3
192½	81	Morgan Sindall†	180½		2.7	17.6
177½	122	Morrison Const	177½		3.0	13.5
96	58½	Mowlem (J)	91		2.7	14.6
242	173	Pk Leisure†	214	- 2	9.5	22.7
115	85	Pochins	108		3.7	14.0
145	97	Prowting	130½		3.6	37.7
20	10½	Raine Ind	15½			
152	102	Redrow	134			9.1
66	45	Scrutc Rents	45½			27.3
270	208	Shand Hldgs	265	- 1	5.2	23.9
92	68	Sheard	73	+ ½	7.2	9.7
358	343	Spandex	353½		10	21.7
158	115½	Tay Homes	148½		7.4	10.8
182	115½	Taylor Woodrw	167½	- 5½	5.1	18.1
508	408	Tilbury Douglas	500	+ 5	5.6	14.8
167½	105	Tm Group	125			
103	74	Wimpey(G)	78		6.5	
111	65	Wolfe Inc	105		5.4	65.7
53	38	Wood Hldgs	41½		3.0	17.1
2329½	1678½	Wood Mackenzie	2253½		2.2	19.2

CHEMICALS

207	156	Allnaght & Wal	200½		2.1	17.0
142	113	Allied Colloids	140½	- ½	2.5	26.4
210	150	Amber Ind	152½		4.7	10.8
102	86	Amberley Cpt	92½		1.9	22.0
1972½	1443½	BASF DM	1880½			9.1
949	841	BOC	860	+ 6	3.9	15.3
3127½	258	BTP	316		4.4	17.4
2371½	1718½	Boyer DM50	2334½	- 31½	2.7	
112	70	Brent Chems	107½	- ½	5.8	31.7
249½	192	Br Vita	243	- 3½	4.2	27.2
764	193	Cumng (W)	367½	+ 3	3.9	39.6
478½	350	Evans & Cp Pf	405½	+ ½	7.6	
21	9½	Lovell (YJ)	10½			
218	191	Maunders (J)	192½		3.7	12.1
191	138	McAlpine (A)	157½		5.6	
101	66	McCarthy & S	98½	- 1	2.2	13.3
192½	81	Morgan Sindall†	180½		2.7	17.6
177½	122	Morrison Const	177½		3.0	13.5
96	58½	Mowlem (J)	91		2.7	14.6
242	173	Pk Leisure†	214	- 2	9.5	22.7
115	85	Pochins	108		3.7	14.0
145	97	Prowting	130½		3.6	37.7
20	10½	Raine Ind	15½			
152	102	Redrow	134			9.1
66	45	Scrutc Rents	45½			27.3
270	208	Shand Hldgs	265	- 1	5.2	23.9
92	68	Sheard	73	+ ½	7.2	9.7
358	343	Spandex	353½		10	21.7
158	115½	Tay Homes	148½		7.4	10.8
182	115½	Taylor Woodrw	167½	- 5½	5.1	18.1
508	408	Tilbury Douglas	500	+ 5	5.6	14.8
167½	105	Tm Group	125			
103	74	Wimpey(G)	78		6.5	
111	65	Wolfe Inc	105		5.4	65.7
53	38	Wood Hldgs	41½		3.0	17.1
2329½	1678½	Wood Mackenzie	2253½		2.2	19.2

DISTRIBUTORS

131	85½	ABI Lns	86½		6.3	10.3
465	365	Adam & Harvey†	375	- 2½	6.5	6.7
18	14	Alexanders	15½		2.4	
113	78	Applevard	86½	- 3	9.0	9.9
2	3	Ass In Engl	2½		2.1	
630	505	BBA Group	600		5.3	16.6
58	31½	Bandt	32½		4.4	13.2
25	16	Bisang Powr	23½		6.7	16.6
45	29	Bogod A	33½		1.1	12.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1½	0½	Anglo Utd	1			
388	288	Ashtead Group	358½	- 1½	1.8	13.9
1056	804	Bnkers Hill	849½	- 4½	3.0	18.7
340	259	BTR	276½	+ 1½	4.4	30.4
472	421	BATS	460	- 2½	5.7	9.2
177	148½	Bamford Inv	148½		3.0	15.5
134	108	Bibby (J)	128½	- ½	7.8	9.3
1077½	669	Bowtrey Inc	664½	+ ½	3.7	14.2
952½	818	Charter†	883½	- 4½	4.2	11.9
1077½	818	Chemrex	1058½	- 9½	4.1	13.6
1037½	807	Cookson	1027½	- 9½	4.1	13.6
1044½	276½	Dowty	388½		3.5	13.4
175	120½	Elec Motor	123½	- 1½	7.9	8.6
163	125½	Dominions Pf	142½		2.3	14.3
454	328	Dpbdns	342½	- 1	5.3	12.0
407	308	Electrocomponents	401½	- 1½	2.1	26.7
314	172	Exodc Elect	188	+ ½	3.2	18.2
134	65	Eurodollar	123½		4.2	18.5
105	76	European Mfrs	103	- 1	6.3	11.6
375	282	Evans Halshaw†	284½		7.2	11.1
67	45	Fkc Indstrs†	49½		8.3	7.4
338	248	Fenchel Cpt	316½	+ ½	2.5	
31½	16½	Gardner†	31	+ 1	3.5	12.6
81	33½	Glenchemical	70	- 1½	1.8	20.7
91	72½	Gowings	74		4.7	13.4
81	55½	Record	63½		4.8	
332	291	Rexnld	310½	+ ½	5.3	14.9
36	13	Richards Group	13½			20.8
89	71½	Richardson West	72½		6.3	8.3
246	187	Rolls-Royce	236	- 4½	2.7	23.1
258	171	Rotork	255		3.1	21.2
192	160	Rubicon	172½		4.4	12.5
1584½	1467½	SnG Gp	1550½	- 9½	3.3	8.8
117	92½	Senga Eng	106	- 1	4.2	14.4
358	290	Ser Service†	327½	- ½	5.1	17.1
195	119	Smiths Inds	165	- 1	3.7	15.2
17	10½	Metays Grp	12		6.9	12.6
9½	6½	Middlecrft'S	7½		13	11.1
47	31	Middlsbrd	41½	+ 1½	3.1	07
565	440	Norcourt	495	- 1½	1.9	14.5
349	230	Northern Ind	287½		1.0	10.5
183	108	PCI Gp	125		7.7	11.1
341	272	Pendragon†	320		3.6	15.5
211	145	Perry Gp	182½		5.6	9.1
745	602	Pioneer Farrell	675	- 2½	2.0	18.0
190	135	Qualcs Group†	169½		5.1	17.5
319	198	RHM	230		2.2	29.2
3	2	Reece	2½			
54	25½	Rowson'W	35½		7.1	9.1
4½	3	Ross Gp	3½			
58	45½	SSP Instr	53		3.9	11.4
66	49	Sanderson	105	+ ½	7.2	45.3
1066½	787	Br Aerospace	1055	- ½	1.6	21.9
201	161	Br Steel	194	+ ½	6.4	5.2
11	5½	Brooke Tool	11		3.7	10.4
38	28	Brunel	31		3.9	11.8
113	73	Bullough†	81½			8.4
143	92	Burnfield	114½		3.6	17.0
315	222	Cardo Engt	294½	- 2	5.5	12.5
238	171	Carlings	235½		2.3	15.9
158	140	Chamberlin Hll	150	+ 5	6.2	9.8
455	359	Chenning	356		3.9	13.9
325	195	Clarkson	315	+ 5	2.6	20.3
661	471	Cobham	632½	+ 4	1.9	
666	555	Cohen (M)	555		2.7	7.0
194	162½	Concentric	164	- 1½	5.1	11.3
368	215	Cook (Wm)†	345½	- 1	4.6	
235	190	David Brown	219½	- 3	4.2	14.2
335	320	DS	342½	+ 5	4.9	12.2
31	9½	Elson	10½		3.0	5.9
121	74	Elliott (B)	101½		3.7	10.1
102	85	Expamet	101		3.9	17.8
207	153	FKI†	197	- 2	3.3	17.4
180	130	Fenner	164½	- 5½	2.9	15.8
8½	1½	Fenson	8			
69½	36	Firth Hldgs	59½	- ½		19.4
75	55½	Firth Vickers	73½		1.8	30.8
152	120	GEI Int	136		4.1	13.1
222	176½	Garton Eng	181½		4.6	7.2
393	315	Glynwed	369½	- ½	4.6	15.7
17	12	Grayshan	14½		4.7	9.8
103	71½	Hadon MacLnd	96		3.3	13.0
269½	181	Hadleyfgt	267½	- 2	2.7	15.5
270	177	Hall Eng	261	+ 3½	5.8	13.5
207	166	Halma	199½	- 1	1.7	22.4
380	290	Hampson Ind†	84		4.4	24.3
53	29	Hsr (Norman)	29½			23.7
51	28	Hazelwy	48½	+ 4½	4.0	9.4
117	81½	Hill & Smith	81½	- 1	8.9	8.9
41	28	Hopkinsons	30		5.4	
42	34	Hore Gp	39		4.0	19.2
26	15½	Howden	23½		4.9	9.3
1539	1036	IMI	1530½	+ 12½	3.1	
404½	317	Ash & Lacy	404½	- 1½	3.7	21.2
538	436	Alex Eaton	652½		4.5	17.2
148	105½	Aerospc Metals	110½		5.7	8.5
351½	284	IBAH	346½		3.3	20.6
163	137½	IMM	159		6.5	11.7
145	77	Babcock	75	- ½	4.0	
81½	6	Bailey (CH)	7½			
142½	96	Baynes (Charles)	142½	+ ½	2.3	20.9
38	24	Beaulond	36½	+ ½	2.1	9.4
88	78	Benson Group	88			
404	353	Bewthorpe	436	- 4½	2.8	10.7
22½	14	Bisgar (AF) A	14		4.0	5.7
137	99½	CMI Micro	114½	+ ½	6.7	17.9
39	25	Channel Hldgs	31	+ 2	5.6	10.3
36	25	Chloride	34½		1.6	20.2
82	66	Clayhythe	74½		5.8	6.3
50	25½	Cray Elect	34			4.0
1149	620	Critchley	888½		1.5	26.2
948	368	Clarke Bs. Sys	872½	+ 22½	0.4	14.5
464	323	Delta†	392½	- 9	9.1	35.4
550	340	Dominor†	379		3.4	49.3
85	64	Dowding & Mls	80½	+ ½	4.7	
330	152	Drum Cbl	270		5.4	40.6
1296½	716½	Electrocomp	1264½	- 37½	2.2	18.4
38½	30½	Emess	33½	+ ½	0.8	32.3
1676½	1125	Ericsson B'	1586½	- 18½	1.1	29.5
92	68	Eurocrypt	73	+ ½	4.2	12.9
645	515	Eurotherm	558	- 1	1.9	20.7
697	533	Fancy Group	673		1.5	29.3
497	194	Filtronic Comp	220	- ½	0.6	38.9
206	156	Forward Gp	202½		0.9	24.5
100	63	Forward Tech	63	- ½	9.5	9.2
397	341	GEC†	393	+ 4½	4.0	17.8
131	115	Gaskin	128½		6.6	22.6
142½	93½	Ind Control	136½		3.3	
38½	25	Instech	29		3.9	18.4
131	94	Kapte†	122		1.8	11.4
57	34	LPA Ind	43½		5.3	9.5
315	280	MTL Instrs	310		2.0	19.4
163	22½	Magnum Power	24½	- 1		
298	245	Meggtr-Sirt	283½		2.6	17.8
72	31½	Micronnec	31½		3.5	10.4
472	340	Mktd	450			23.7
67½	36	Renishaw	67½		1.2	
543	405	Oxford Inst	456		1.8	16.6
227	172	Pace Micro	213½	+ 3	1.4	
180	92½	Pacer Infotec	94	- 1½	4.4	
191	97	Penn	117	- ½	3.7	16.9
2765½	1853½	Phillips Drap nv	2153½		2.8	7.7
329	141	Pharmpc	120½		3.5	10.6
191½	161	Psimon	190			29.4
204	148	Prescale	198		2.4	19.8
48	33	Prochnick	39			16.1
470	336½	Pulsar†	444	+ 6½	0.5	38.3
137	85	RLP Group†	128½	- 3½	4.7	13.6
130	85	Redstone	99½		3.1	19.6
391	221	Rainford	335		2.6	5.3
560	380	Renishaw	514		1.7	20.6
6	1½	Renlone	3½			
316	228	Resbona	302½	+ 10	3.2	12.3
427	317	Servence	389	+ 4	2.6	20.4
82	62	Silvermines	80		1.7	20.6
43	27	Soundtracs	31½		2.2	
3990½	3003½	TDK	3937½	- 9½	0.8	
341½	6	TDS Circuits-D	28½			
148	113	Transpc Dev	140		5.4	15.6
193	155	Sema Group	193			20.8
3167	2468	Smiths Ind	3167		2.7	19.7
1316	1066	Spectrum Ind	1316			20.2

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ACCOUNTANCY

Directors will not go wrong following example of auditors

BY CLIVE BOXER

IN THE United Kingdom we have a habit of latching on to the wrong point, and miss the right point. Thus structural weaknesses are ignored. We have one in corporate governance.

It is wrong continually to criticise the level of salaries of top executives entitled to the maximum their fellow directors believe they should receive. They are the exception, not the rule, and set targets for everybody. We should confine our complaints to the level of compensation the high-flyers receive after losing their jobs.

They are well-rewarded for the wrong reason. The non-executive directors who should be making the important corporate governance decisions are powerless and ineffective. They are only too pleased to have scapegoats highly paid with massive pension rights and potential contractual claims if there is a sudden dismissal. That gives them a sacrifice for their own ineffectiveness.

A director is not liable for other directors' misdoings — only for his or her own. Therefore, the less you do as a non-executive director, the less likely you are to be a culprit for what goes wrong. The House of Lords recently ruled that a person injured by a defendant at a junction where the view was obscured could not get damages from a highway authority which was aware of the danger. The authority has a duty to provide highways, maintain them and remove danger. Was it liable for doing nothing when it was aware of a risk?

Lord Hoffman pointed out that there is a big difference in the law between requiring one who acts to take reasonable care not to cause damage to others, and a person who does nothing in particular to take steps to prevent another from suffering harm from the acts of third parties or natural causes. He justified the reasoning that omission is not as serious as commission, on political, moral and economic grounds. The moral ground was referred to as the "why pick on me" argument, which could be the secret code of conduct of non-executive directors.

All that would change if the directors of the board had joint and several liability for each other's actions. This is what occurs inside partnerships. The audits of companies are, for the most part, carried out by a relatively small team of experts whose failings make every partner in the firm personally liable for the negligence perpetrated by the team.

In a partnership there is a very hands-on approach to most matters because the partners are personally liable for what is going on at the very lowest level. This is not so with a board of directors, which has a potential culprit already prepared for the chop, and compensation to go with it. The non-executives should be paid more and be responsible for what goes wrong at an executive level.

All it requires is an implied joint and several liability of the directors for the actions of each other in their role as directors. There will be no increase in duties or liabilities. Our law is sensible in the way it operates, except that at the present time each director is only liable for his own actions or omissions. Non-executive directors are, therefore, only too pleased to vote the most they can to those they intend to blame if something goes wrong.

If this significant change was made, non-executive directors would take more interest in what is going on; their rewards would increase and they would be less inclined to approve enormous salaries to the chief executives; the number of directorships held by non-executives would go down; supervisory boards of non-executives would oversee executive boards so that the non-executive directors would not serve alongside those who could make them seriously liable.

At the moment, corporate governance is reduced to disqualifying directors after the insolvent collapse of a company. What is required to prevent the entrepreneurial genius from getting out of control without curtailing initiative is the same approach that applies within the professions, namely joint and several responsibility. This minor amendment to the law would have this effect.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

'Bearding' the Scots in their den

IN TIMES past the person with the hardest time of it at the Scots ICA annual conference has always been the chief executive of the English ICA. He has had to endure insults of tartan and ruder hues being hurled at him.

Times are becoming calmer these days. But it was thought significant at the conference last week that Andrew Colquhoun had chosen this time of year to shave off his beard of the past 25 years. Several people claimed to fail to recognise him.

But the act has rejuvenated him. Unlike Samson, the loss of his beard has galvanised the man. In the early hours of Saturday morning he could be seen indulging in a hugely energetic "Dashing White Sergeant" amid the chaos of the closing ceilidh.

99 not out

SCOTS accountants are famed for their longevity. So [illegible] that the Scots ICA appropriate anniversaries. Robert Smith, the institute president, found himself congratulating one member recently on completing 70 years in practice.

The lady concerned is 99 years old. "And furthermore," said Smith in tones of mounting incredulity, "it had to be delivered to her office because she was at work."

Letters lament

THE myriad of accountancy qualifications can baffle. At last week's Scots ICA annual conference there was a spirited discussion of the quality of finance directors.

Derek Hunt, chairman of MFI, was singing the praises of two recent finance directors the company has had. Mr Smith, the Scots institute leader, tried to explain to the audience that neither of the MFI men were Scots CAs but were members of the CIMA, the management accounting body.

"They are both CIMA-qualified," he interjected. "What does that mean?" responded a puzzled Hunt.

Leaving people happier and wiser

THERE can be joy in accountancy. Anyone who was at last week's annual Scots ICA summer conference in St Andrews would understand that. It has become a unique occasion in the accounting calendar. It is a time for Scots accountants to get together, to listen to some of the best business and financial thoughts of the day, to discuss the issues and to have a thoroughly good time.

This year saw three stunning case studies. Ian Russell, ScottishPower's finance director, Brian Stewart, Scottish & Newcastle chief executive, and Derek Hunt, the chairman of MFI, made a powerful trio. All gave their thoughts on growth and strategy and how their organisations had approached those challenges.

The point about such quality of contributors and how the conference brings out the best in them is the concentration on relaxing. Each of the talks is mulled over by discussion groups in private and ideas brought to plenary session to draw the speakers' comments. It is not a formal business environment so people such as Derek Hunt speak more directly and plainly than normally. The value is immense.

The discussion groups embrace a wide range of experience. In one there was a gap of almost 60 years between the qualification dates of two participants. Sir Ian Morrow, the legendary company doctor, qualified as a Scots CA in 1936. The younger of the group qualified with a lively Edinburgh firm only last year.

Sir Ian passed on anecdotes of experience to illustrate topics such as the dearth of entrepreneurs with staying power in Scotland. The newly qualified CA told him how the exam system should be reformed. The groups provide low-key but informed discussion. Having Derek Hunt sit in and talk about the importance of cashflow taught people more about how management really works than any business school course ever could.

And there is, of course, the social side. The Scots institute is a small accounting body.



ROBERT BRUCE

Its members stick together and build close networks.

There is still the end of conference ceilidh — post-dinner entertainment created by the members. People bring fiddles and play jigs. Others create sketches and songs. This year's highlight was probably the dramatic re-creation, involving the president and chief executive of the Canadian ICA, of *The Shooting of Dan McGrew*. Though the appearance of the Scots chief executive, Peter Johnstone, as the vengeful miner, "with a face most hair and the dreary state of a dog whose day is done", upstaged them both. The evening, by now teetering on morning, ends with piping and dancing.

In short, the conference is the sort of event that leaves people happier and wiser. And that may be its problem. For conferences like this, which take a couple of days or more off the diary, have fallen foul of the frenetic insistence on avoiding thought. The large accounting firms, whose natural habitat such events used to be, now encourage a culture where a combination of astonishing and burgeoning internal bureaucracy combined with an insistence on exclusive loyalty measured almost solely through long hours has eradicated the thoughtful. The result is that fewer and fewer accountants feel that they can justify not being at their desk for more than a few hours.

This is crushing the profession. Events such as this are the ones that give you time to gain new ideas and reassess old ones. The insistence by the accountancy firms in particular that such processes are superfluous is a criminal and pernicious destruction of the central value of the profession.

It is significant that the institute president, Robert Smith, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Development Capital, spoke with great passion to members. He had been in London overnight heading the internal investigation into the Morgan Grenfell's European fund.

He talked generally about the essence of being a professional. "Be dead honest. Be dead straight and blow whistles. A system is growing up which says that if there is a manual then you have covered yourself and your actions. Right and wrong don't seem to exist any more. And we all know in our hearts when something is right or wrong."

Those principles are what an event like the Scots summer conference builds. Long may it flourish.

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Euro Gwth Inc	193.70	206.70†	- 1.60	0.56
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Growth Units	255.60	270.40†	- 0.60	2.05
Bond	174.30	183.40†	+ 0.10	7.10
Intl Growth	248.40	264.20	- 1.50	0.19
North American	200.20	211.10	- 0.50	0.19
Far East	202.10	328.50	- 2.60	0.67
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City Fin Intl	92.14	96.76	+ 0.46	0.44
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Pnd Sch Cos Inc	39.24	41.74	- 0.11	1.47
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Retirement Inc #	29.18	29.98	- 0.06	5.68
Special Sits	47.95	50.59	- 0.15	2.34
Uk & Overseas	60.12	63.79	- 0.26	0.71
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Balanced	69.82	72.72†	- 0.05	3.95
Capital	84.36	87.87†	- 0.21	2.23
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Monthly Inc Plus	49.19	51.24	+ 0.01	8.74
Preference Share	47.09	49.05	+ 0.04	7.95
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	145.95	152.04	+ 3.19	5.61
Managed Fund	78.62	81.90	- 0.24	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.63	55.86	- 0.10	1.10
-do- Accum	53.48	55.04	- 0.11	1.07
UK & General	99.04	103.17	- 0.29	2.50
-do- Accum	128.45	133.80	- 0.38	2.50
UK Growth	197.19	205.41	- 0.11	1.37
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	213.46	222.35	- 1.79	0.66
Far Eastern Gnth	137.47	143.20	- 1.06	0.02
Global Bond	62.24	65.67	- 0.31	5.79
Japan Growth	113.77	118.51	- 0.89	.
North Amer Grth	241.14	251.19	- 1.26	.
Overseas Growth	95.74	99.31	- 0.76	0.26
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Europe Growth	93.36	97.26	+ 0.01	5.12
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Growth	179.20	190.60	- 0.30	1.79
Income	72.20	76.81†	- 0.32	4.72
European	75.27	80.07	- 0.57	0.82
Recovery	168.40	200.50	+ 1.10	2.05
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Equity Dist	1003.60	1019.10	.	3.29
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Fellowship Tst	112.89	119.80	- 0.30	1.08
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Smaller Cos	238.80	254.00	- 0.20	0.85
-do- Accum	256.50	315.40	- 0.20	0.85
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High Inc Port #	84.31	89.69†	- 0.21	4.24
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US Small Cos	2172.00	2210.60	.	0.85
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UF Balanced Inc	172.90	183.90	- 0.70	1.76
UF High Inc Inc	180.30	191.80	- 0.60	3.71
-do- Accum	243.50	259.00	- 0.90	3.71
UK Prid & Fl Inc	58.14	62.74	- 0.05	5.90
Envnmnd Opps	89.17	105.50	- 0.80	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	70.59	74.84	+ 0.15	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.59	51.69†	- 0.07	8.15
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 526				
American	177.70	188.00	- 1.60	0.43
Commodities #	22.85	24.28†	- 0.04	5.77
Equity Income #	143.90	152.90†	- 0.60	3.92
EuroFund	63.34	67.02	- 0.46	0.60
Financial	55.66	59.14†	- 0.06	1.52
Growth & Inc #	250.30	266.00†	- 1.10	2.83
High Dist #	181.80	193.20	- 1.00	4.09
International	442.90	470.60†	- 2.30	0.11
Int Cap Inc	105.80	112.90	- 0.80	2.39
Japn America	33.65	35.76†	- 0.07	.
Pacific	85.16	87.30	- 0.71	.
Pref High Inc	72.14	73.52	- 0.01	7.65
Tokyo	222.40	235.40†	+ 0.30	.
Uk Smaller Cos	261.00	277.30	+ 0.30	1.09
Eastern Mkt Trusts				
Japnese	63.52	67.36	- 1.00	1.02
New Asia	227.40	242.00	.	0.24
Japan Growth	107.00	113.80	.	.
Jap Smlr Co	447.40	474.90	+ 0.50	.
Nth Amer	424.10	448.50	+ 0.70	0.05
UK Inc & Gth	254.10	271.90	- 0.70	2.73
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
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2% Director Dlgs	119.74	128.05	+ 1.18	1.15
Growth Acc	358.07	375.58	+ 2.23	0.28
Income	603.43	645.36†	+ 5.02	6.08
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
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Endurance Fd	227.60	242.10		1.00
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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European	91.73	98.56	- 0.08	1.96
Ethical Tst	48.91	51.48	- 0.21	0.85
Far Eastern	307.88	324.08	- 0.77	0.19
High Income	141.40	148.84	- 0.38	4.88
UK Index Tracking	51.05	53.74†	- 0.16	3.24
Intl Growth	146.36	154.06	- 0.43	0.38
North American	148.17	155.97†	- 0.27	1.79
Pelican	143.45	151.00	- 0.53	1.19
Smaller Cos	73.41	77.27	- 0.13	2.78
Special Sits	92.54	97.41†	- 0.26	2.48
Tst of Inv Trs	218.92	230.44†	- 0.41	1.29
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
01277 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	241.25	256.65	+ 0.19	1.45
Smaller Cos Acc	429.92	457.36	+ 0.34	1.45
Recovery	59.65	63.46	- 0.10	1.67
Recovery Acc	61.63	65.56	- 0.12	1.67
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
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Capital Growth	89.52	96.00	+ 0.25	.
Fd of Inv Trs	52.73	56.25	- 0.09	0.51
High Income #	38.66	41.45	- 0.03	11.11
Premium	48.23	52.53†	- 0.08	.
Zero Preference	44.34	47.05	- 0.04	.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
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Family Asset Tst	93.24	99.19	- 0.33	2.57
United Charities	313.00	332.90	- 0.30	2.37
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
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Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	29.99	30.07	- 0.11	5.18
Strategic Inc	28.83	28.05‡	- 0.01	5.79
Income Funds				
High Income	76.60	77.93‡	- 0.03	5.53
Income Plus	131.00	139.30†	- 0.30	3.94
European Income	49.50	52.69	- 0.29	2.50
UK Dis Grth	31.48	33.48†	- 0.04	2.24
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.91	69.24	- 0.30	.
American	324.70	344.10	- 0.50	.
Amer Spec Sits	185.20	197.60	- 0.40	.
Japan Smaller Cos	34.76	37.03	- 0.11	.
European	229.10	243.60	- 1.00	0.66
European Opps	80.46	85.96	- 0.53	0.02
Global Priv	30.69	32.85	- 0.21	0.34
UK Growth	122.70	130.30†	.	1.09
Growth & Inc	178.10	188.46	- 0.40	2.45
Intl PEP	49.11	51.16	- 0.15	1.07
Japan Spec Sits	80.56	86.13	- 0.59	.
Japan	179.20	190.10	- 1.50	.
Managed Intl	262.90	274.50	- 2.00	0.50
Manchpolitan	67.38	71.66	- 0.18	.
Recovery	62.67	66.64	- 0.13	1.62
South E Asia	184.50	196.80	- 0.60	0.89
Special Sits	731.40	777.70†	- 1.40	0.59
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Cash Accum Units	115.83	115.83	+ 0.02	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
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Balanced #	152.00	154.80†	+ 2.30	1.54
Inc Profile #	86.60	88.37†	- 0.24	2.81
Cap Profile	166.50	168.10	- 0.80	0.65
General Opps	145.10	146.70	+ 1.30	3.95
Growth Inc	37.73	38.40	- 0.16	0.95
Private Portfolio	483.20	502.00†	+ 0.70	0.68
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 696 396 Admin/Val 01277 696 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	152.30	162.10†	- 0.40	0.38
Emrg Asian	143.50	153.20	- 0.70	.
High Income	21.43	22.76†	- 0.05	9.89
UK Income	115.30	122.90	- 0.30	4.02
US Smaller Cos	430.00	458.20	- 1.10	.
For Foster & Braithwaite see Cattles				

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American Growth	80.64	85.78	+ 0.05	.
-do- Accum	80.64	85.78	+ 0.05	.
Amer Smlr Cos	710.50	759.90†	+ 1.90	.
-do- Accum	735.80	778.30†	+ 2.00	.
Capital Tst	397.60	420.00†	- 0.40	1.50
-do- Accum	584.10	621.40†	- 0.50	1.50
Cnsld Smlr Cos	91.73	95.05	- 0.22	0.97
-do- Accum	65.68	70.05	- 0.24	0.97
Convertible	141.80	150.90	- 2.40	5.60
-do- Accum	306.90	326.50	- 5.40	5.60
Emerging Markets	67.69	72.32	- 0.30	0.30
-do- Accum	67.92	72.56	- 0.30	0.30
European	151.60	160.90	- 1.00	0.80
-do- Accum	160.90	170.60	- 0.90	0.90
Extra Income	391.50	416.50	+ 2.00	4.45
-do- Accum	623.30	663.10	+ 3.10	4.45
Financial	174.10	185.20	+ 1.30	0.45
-do- Accum	184.90	196.70	+ 1.20	0.46
Gbl Trust	64.87	68.88	- 0.11	6.78
Growth Portfolio	69.07	94.41	- 0.47	0.67
Income Portfolio	70.51	74.36	- 0.14	4.14
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGMT LTD				
0127 238 6441				
Special Sits	233.90	250.20	- 0.10	1.05
Dividend	97.89	104.70†	- 0.40	0.50
Int Gth & Inc	352.90	270.20

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■ FILM 1

Body-flaunting routines and family values don't mix well in Demi Moore's latest, *Striptease*



■ FILM 2

Cue the noise, the violence and familiar action: Kurt Russell roars back with *Escape from L.A.*

THE TIMES FILMS ARTS



■ FILM 3

Oscar-winning *Antonia's Line* presents feisty feminist wisdoms in a Dutch farming village



■ FILM 4

... while *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love* offers good value for $60,000

CINEMA: Demi Moore takes most of her clothes off in *Striptease*. **Geoff Brown** is not terribly impressed by the results



"Teasing comes hard: she is always gleaming, always on show": Demi Moore practises her go thither look

Moore is less, if you want the naked truth

Demi Moore is becoming the female answer to Sylvester Stallone or Arnold Schwarzenegger. She is more sculpture than human being, a lean machine carved out on a thousand exercise bikes. And since her new film is called **Striptease**, she has plenty of chances to advertise her wares.

To earn money while fighting a legal battle over custody of her daughter, her character, Erin Grant, strips at a Florida club. She writhes. She wriggles. She feels her body, especially when listening to songs by Annie Lennox. Total nudity, bar a G-string, is achieved after 60 minutes.

Moore, always a difficult actress to warm to, is especially forbidding in *Striptease*. Teasing comes hard: she is always gleaming, always on show. Aside from flaunting the body beautiful, she flaunts herself as a caring mother. True, the script, derived from a novel by Carl Hiaasen, asks her to; but the mawkish indulgence of the scenes with the daughter (Moore's real-life offspring Rumer Willis) goes way beyond the call of duty.

Maybe we would feel the pain less if the writer and director, comedy specialist Andrew Bergman, exerted a strong grip. But he dawdles. He digresses. One moment the film revels in raunchy nudity; the next it cuddles up to family values. One scene will swipe at Florida sleaze and political hypocrisy; the next aims at heart-tugging melodrama. You never know where you are.

Burt Reynolds scarcely helps. As the over-sexed Congressman David Dilbeck he is supposed to appear stewed through lust, alcohol, or both; but this does not mean that he needs to look like a Madame Tussaud's dummy fetched from the basement. Just occasionally Reynolds hits the mark as he babbles about possessing Erin's "velvet self" or lusts for the lint from her spin dryer. But he mostly generates embarrassment.

Do you remember Snake Plissken? It was 15 years ago. A maverick felon, dressed in straggly hair, eye-patch and grunge, he was forced to rescue the American President from the walled prison island of Manhattan. If your memory fails you, fear not; for John Carpenter's **Escape from L.A.** peddles much the same plot as his *Escape from New York*. The star is the same, Kurt Russell. The eye-patch is the same. Even the film's quality is similar; aside from some upgrading in movie technology, this is the same blowsy kind of action movie.

As usual in Carpenter's recent movies, there are glimpses of better things. The vein of satire that surfaced in *They Live* pokes through once more, but time and again imagination gets trampled by commercial imperatives. The noise is turned up. Violence rages. And darkness rules, draining much of the pleasure we might otherwise get from seeing LA in futuristic dress (the film takes place in 2013).

Snake's job is to save President Cliff Robertson's neck, and winkle out a stolen doomsday weapon from the anarchists who thrive in LA's ruins. The assignment takes muscle, nerve, but not much humour; and the dull bark of Kurt Russell's voice soon stamps out any sparks of pleasure from peripheral characters such as Steve Buscemi's shifty "Map to the Stars" Eddie, or Peter Fonda's eternal surfer.

The Dutch film-maker Marleen Gorris made her name in the early 1980s with two striking and prickly features, *A Question of Silence* and *Broken Mirror*, both of which poured lots of energy into being nasty about the male sex. The director is still a committed feminist in **Antonia's Line**, although her style is much less confrontational, the tone one of celebration, not complaint. If Antonia were an earlier Gorris heroine, she'd be slaving away in a brothel, or handcuffed for murdering a rapist. Instead, the lady flourishes, spreading joy and wisdom over several decades in a small Dutch farming community. She also spread joy among Hollywood's Academy members; earlier this year, *Antonia's Line* won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film.

Indeed, Gorris is so intent on making audiences feel good — women audiences, especially — that she may cause the less susceptible to wince. Ensconced at her lovely pink farmhouse, Willeke Van Ammelrooy's statuesque Antonia collects an extended family of oppressed souls taking shelter from male brutality or straitlaced society. Under Gorris's indulgent gaze, they frolic, nurture each other, and spout sage remarks. "There's nothing for it," Antonia proclaims. "Life's got to be lived."

The film's sweet pill might be easier to swallow if Gorris's script had a firmer shape. But dramatic highlights are few; and the quick bursts of magic realism — singing corpses, smiling statues of the Virgin Mary — sit ill with the film's gentle flow.

Female bonding of a different kind forms the subject of **The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love**, a gauche little American independent film shot for $60,000 in 21 days. Maria Maggenti, the director, has shorts and documentaries to her credit, although there are few signs of technical polish: the camera rarely seems to be in the right place at the right time, and she allows the acting of subsidiary characters to get unpleasantly shrill.

But the film's lack of finesse must be weighed against its sweet disposition and the ease with which it welcomes lesbians into the teen movie genre. Rich, clever black girl Evie needs her tyre pressure checked; garage hand Randy happily obliges. Soon they explore each others' interests, hold hands tentatively, and run the gauntlet of friends and family. Maggenti's script is very hit-and-miss, but her two lead actors, Laurel Holloman and Nicole Parker, have enough natural charm to survive most hazards, even quotations from Walt Whitman.

The late Cuban director Tomás Gutiérrez Alea was already seriously ill with cancer when he made **Guantanamera**. Since the story concerns the misadventures of a funeral cortège, he could be forgiven for signs of directorial fumbling. But we are still left with a tame, lame film that falls a long way below his 1960s triumphs, let alone 1993's *Strawberry and Chocolate*.

Externally, things look upbeat. The sunshine beats down. The music is peppy (it includes, of course, the popular title song). And Martha Ibarra delights as the mourning niece who gets a second shot at love. But the pace is lethargic, while the digs at the country's bureaucracy and crumbling infrastructure scarcely count as satire. A sad memorial.

Striptease
Odeon West End, 15, 117 mins
Demi Moore strips while Burt Reynolds watches

Escape from L.A.
Empire, 15, 101 mins
Blowsy action fare from John Carpenter

Antonia's Line
Curzon Mayfair, 15, 102 mins
Oscar-winning feel-good movie

The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love
Metro, 15, 98 mins
Gauche but sweet tale of lesbian teenagers

Guantanamera
Metro, 15, 114 mins
Tame Cuban satire

MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT CHINA

Richard Cork continues his daily series on the British Museum's magnificent* Mysteries of Ancient China *show

LAMP IN THE FORM OF A TREE



DISCOVERED in a sizeable, undisturbed brick tomb in Henan province, this delightful lamp was positioned next to a ceramic banqueting table. The tomb's occupant must have hoped that it would illuminate the feasts he would hold there.

The tree itself evokes the worlds of the immortals. A mountain is depicted on the base, where a couple of seated human figures are surrounded by a flurry of wolves, stags, pigs, monkeys, tigers and toads, all chasing each other.

The central pillar, decorated with four cicadas, rests on a turtle's back and supports the main lamp's base. As if to emphasise the object's magical power, four immortals ride winged dragons out of the shallow basin. Above them, a dozen undulating branches thrust their way up from the lamp's trunk. Finally, an ample bird, a pearl in its beak, flies over the tree top. The eight winged beings beneath symbolise the prospect of rebirth.

● Mysteries of Ancient China, *sponsored by* The Times, *is at the British Museum until Jan 5. Admission £5; bookings on 0171-420 0000*

TOMORROW: Figure of a Dancer

'Lacks real depth'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases ...

SNAP VERDICT

STRIPTEASE:
Tom Newton Dunn, 22: A great Friday night post-pub film; what a shame I watched it on a Monday morning. The cheap and admittedly funny gags lose colour quite easily. Demi Moore was great, but I don't think my opinion was formed by an appreciation of her acting talents.
Sophie Hobbs, 22: Light entertainment with a simple storyline. The film is comical, but as a work it lacks real depth. The plot is predictable and the impression disappointing.
Rob Kendall, 21: Calling a film *Striptease* and having Demi Moore as the star appeared to be a cheap way to attract an audience. It was. Although there were some amusing moments, the subplot was unconvincing. If you watch the film for the dancing girls, Pandora Peaks is unmissable. Worth seeing, I suppose, but for the same price you could see it live in Soho.
Rachel Peirse, 20: Moore is a little mechanical in this vaguely entertaining farce. Burt Reynolds was an amusing deviant Congressman. I wouldn't see it again.

ESCAPE FROM L.A.:
Tom: I liked *Escape from New York* so much — the underworld debauchery of man left to himself really appeals to me. I thought the makers made the least of a potentially fascinating futuristic projection.
Sophie: An entertaining non-stop action-packed film. The special effects are good, but the film lacks originality. The violence at times verges on the monotonous. It's worth a watch if you enjoy futuristic films, but don't get your hopes up.
Rob: I certainly preferred *Escape from New York* to this. Despite a huge budget some of the special effects appear to be cartoons. None of the characters was developed and the story-line was bare, but the film is entertaining.
Rachel: Quite exciting. It has cult appeal with its themes of semi-clad depravity and futuristic pessimism. Ultimately, though, I was bored.

ANTONIA'S LINE:
Tom: This is the sort of film that should make Hollywood and all who work in it redundant. The most powerful cinematic exposition of feminism I've seen, put across in the subtlest of ways.
Sophie: A thought-provoking and endearing story, which covers 50 years of Dutch life. The characters are intriguing and excellently portrayed. The underlying themes are subtly interwoven and the result is a profound and striking tale. Not to be missed.
Rob: Fascinating characters, most of them crazy. The film is very witty but also has a serious philosophical undertone.
Rachel: A funny yet poignant exploration of universal fears. It was visually imaginative

More brief encounters

What is on offer in Channel 4's latest foray into the world of shorts?

Ten films a night for eight consecutive Tuesdays sounds like a heavy load for even the most dedicated cineaste, but at least the works in Channel 4's latest series of *The Shooting Gallery* have the advantage of being short. Very short. Shorts, in fact.

The short film has traditionally provided the essential apprenticeship for feature film-makers. The veteran Fred Zinnemann, who directed a score of shorts for MGM before making his first feature, recalls: "They had to tell their story in ten minutes. You learnt economy not only in sticking to a budget but also in telling a story". Those days are gone, and such shorts as are made today are mainly from film schools, or the British Film Institute production fund, or privately financed, or sponsored by special BBC or Channel 4 initiatives.

More than half the films in *The Shooting Gallery* are from Britain, and indicate that British directors generally favour the neatly packaged short story form with a gag pay-off. They also show a predilection for films featuring the odd, the alienated or the handicapped. Ged Haney's *The Kings of Siam* is about Siamese twins who have divergent ambitions to be a World Cup footballer and a pop star.

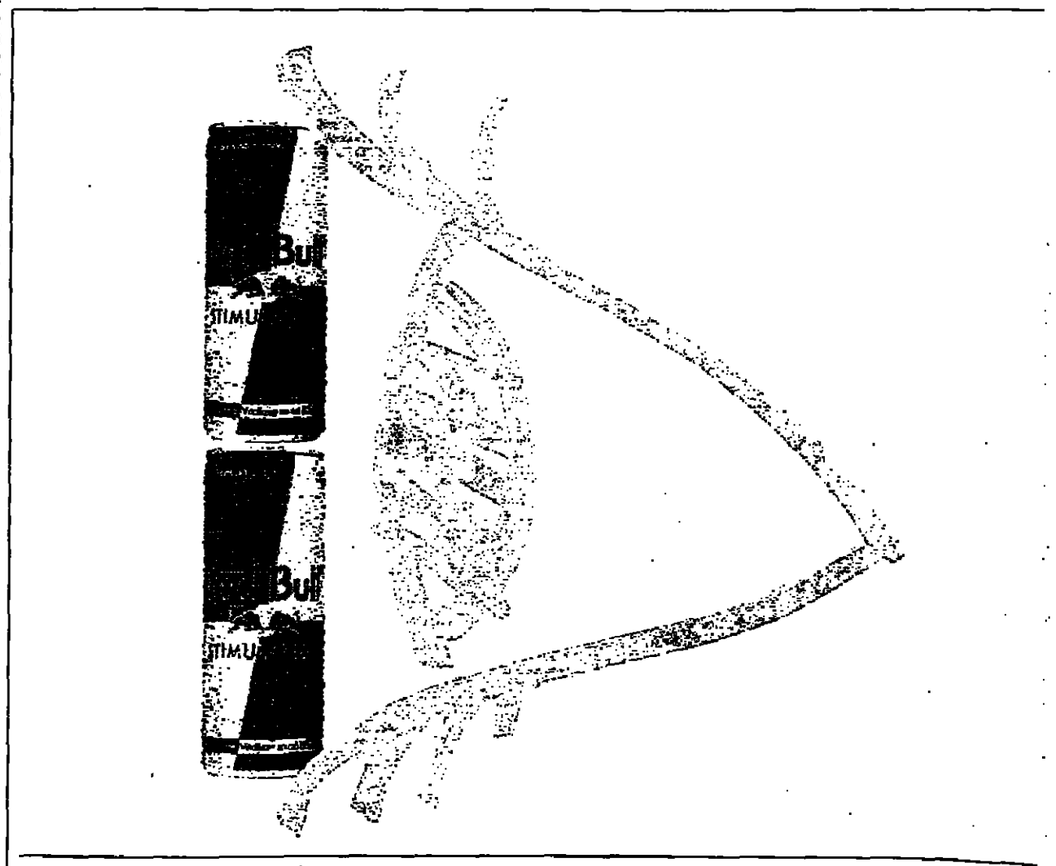
Young film-makers like the mystic and can't stand bigotry: one of the marathons is collectively titled *Heavenly Pursuits*. When the films deal with sexuality they tend to be generous and unbiased. From Ireland, Orna Walsh's *Bent Out of Shape* (showing next week) is a sophisticated and constantly unexpected study of working class sexual attitudes, seen from the viewpoint of a gay student working in a sleazy video shop.

All but a handful of the films come from English-speaking countries, with 18 from Australia and New Zealand and a mere five from America. But the Americans outshine the rest in pace and polish. Mike Bernadout's *A Little Worm* is a black-and-white exercise in pure style, based on a childhood experience of Larry Adler, when the prodigy of the harmonica encountered the king of the underworld, Al Capone. Peggy Rajski's *Trevor*, showing next week, won the 1994 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short, and is a seriously wise comedy about a 13-year-old boy who dreams of being Diana Ross. This one alone is well worth staying awake for.

DAVID ROBINSON

● *The* Shooting Gallery *season continues next Tuesday on Channel 4*
● *Channel 4's booklet,* Short, Sharp Shots — A Guide to Low and No-Budget Filmmaking, *is available (£2) from The Shooting Gallery, PO Box 4000, London W5 2GH*





CAUTION: DO NOT DRINK WHEN YOU WANT TO SLEEP



CHOICE 1

Curtain up on Harold Pinter's latest play, *Ashes to Ashes*

VENUE: First night at the Ambassadors



CHOICE 2

Griff Rhys Jones stars in the Ben Travers comedy, *Plunder*

VENUE: From tonight at the Churchill, Bromley

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CHOICE 3

Veteran guitar virtuoso Julian Bream opens the Beverley Festival

VENUE: Tonight at St Mary's Church



NEW VIDEOS

Las Vegas, the Mob, and Robert De Niro: *Casino* slickly assembles all of the usual suspects

He's a jolly GoodFella — again

LONDON

ASHES TO ASHES: Pinter world premiere: Lindsay Duncan and Stephen Rea in an hour-length two-hander directed by Pinter.
Royal Court Upstairs (Ambassadors), West Street, WC2 (0171-730 1745) Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until October 26

PLUNDER: Griff Rhys Jones and Kevin McNally star in Ben Travers's intricate and hilariously funny comedy, prior to the West End. Directed by Peter James
Churchill, High Street, Bromley (0181-460 6677). Opens tonight, 7.45pm Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm Until Sept 28

ROSTROPOVICH CONDUCTS: The young virtuoso Maxim Vengerov joins the London Symphony Orchestra for an all-Shostakovich programme, beginning with the sombre tones of the Second Violin Concerto. This is followed by the monumental Eleventh Symphony which depicts the Russian Revolution of 1905
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BEVERLEY: The fourth **Beverley Chamber Music Festival** begins at 7.30pm tonight with a recital by the virtuoso guitarist Julian Bream (returns only). Over the forthcoming weekend, Emma Johnson, clarinet, the cellist Andrew Shulman, Trio Wanderer, the London Winds with Michael Collins, and the Chilingirian Quartet will all be playing at St Mary's Church
Festival box office (01482 867430, for information and tickets) Tonight-Sun

CARDIFF: Welsh National Opera's autumn season continues with its second performance of Mozart's timeless opera, **Don Giovanni**, directed by Katie Mitchell. The Italian baritone Davide Damiani is making his WNO debut in the title role, with Arwel Huw Morgan as Leporello, Cara O'Sullivan as Donna Anna, and Gwyn Hughes Jones as Don Ottavio. Conducted by the company's Music Director, Carlo Rizzi, and sung in Italian with English surtitles
New, Park Place (01222 878889) Tonight, 7.15pm. Then on Sept 24, 27 and 30.

LEEDS: Two more of Alan Bennett's perceptive television plays take to the stage in **Office Suite**: Green Forms and A Visit from Miss Prothero. Jennie Darnell directs Susan Wooldridge, Paola Dionisotti and Timothy Bateson
Courtyard, West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Quarry, Hill Mount (0113-244 2111). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Sept 24. 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed (Oct 2, 9, 16), 2pm, and Sat (Sept 28, Oct 12), 3pm. Until October 19

Also in **Leeds**, there is standing-room only for Opera North's new production of the Puccini favourite **Madama Butterfly**, directed by the young Lithuanian, Dalia Ibelhauptaite. The cast is led by the American tenor Mark Nicolson as Pinkerton, the Chinese soprano Chen Sue as Cio-Cio San, and the Australian soprano Lianne Keegan as Suzuki, who are all making their Opera North debuts. Sung in Italian
Leeds Grand, 46 New Briggate (0113-245 9351/440 971). Tonight, 7.15pm; then Sept 27, Oct 23 and 26 (S)

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum, Mysteries of Ancient China (0171-636 1555) . . **Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design**, MA Fine Art Degree Show (0171-514 7000) . . **The Gallery in Cork Street**, Edward Sturdenitsov (0171-287 8408) . . **Hayward**: Robert Mapplethorpe; Antony Gormley: Field for the British Isles (0171-928 3144) . . **Llewellyn Alexander**: Ron Bone and Austin Moseley (0171-620 1322) . . **National Theatre**, A Collection of Calmanc (0171-928 2033) . . **Portal**: Haydn Conner (0171-493 0706) . . **Redfern**: Marc Vaux: Recent Work, (0171-734 1732) . . **Royal Academy**: Roger de Grey (0171-439 7438) . . **Whitford Fine Art**: Gerald Laing: Starlets, Skydivers and Dragsters (0171-930 9332)

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ◪ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **Tommy**: Shaftesbury (0171-379 5399) . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **ACCOMMODATING EVA**: Dilis Keane plays an illegal immigrant who takes real revenge on the lawyer who evicts her from her flat. Tom Dulack directs Sylvia Freedman's new comedy
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916) Now previewing, 8pm Opens Oct 7, 7.30pm Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm

◪ **BLINDED BY THE SUN**: Frances de la Tour, Duncan Bell and Douglas Hodge play scientists involved in a case of scientific fraud. Ron Daniels directs Stephen Poliakoff's new play
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. In rep.

☐ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER**: Wife-killing thriller, written when phone numbers still included letters — and its old-age is self-evident
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**: Paloma Baeza, Paul Jesson and Con O'Neill in Julian Garner's fascinating play concerned with anti-Semitism and survival in Poland, 1938 to 1946
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 3.30pm

☐ **THE HEIDI CHRONICLES**: Wendy Wasserstein's superficial (but prize-winning) account of a woman's experience of 25 years of feminism.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm Until October 5

☐ **MARTIN GUERRE**: The latest Boublil/Schonberg musical brings banal lyrics to a confusingly told tale
Prince Edward, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Adrian Noble's much-travelled production now recast and in London for five weeks before another national and world tour
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. Until October 5

☐ **THE ODD COUPLE**: Neil Simon's play wears well, but Jack Klugman and Tony Randall really are getting on a bit these days
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, and Sat, 5pm. (S)

☐ **ROMANCE, ROMANCE**: British premiere of the 1988 Broadway musical, by Keith Herrmann and Barry Harman, presenting two views of romance: Schnitzler's in turn-of-the-century Vienna and a modern contrast. Stephen Dexter directs
Bridewell, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, EC4 (0171-936 3456). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm, Sun, 4.30pm Until October 5

☐ **SARRASINE**: Bette Bourne, Beverley Klein, Francois Testory and Sara Kestelman in Balzac's tale of the last of the castrati
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat (Oct 12), 2.30pm. Until October 12.

☐ **UNCLE VANYA**: Bill Bryden's starry Chichester cast: Frances Barber, Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve, Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, Imogen Stubbs, with Richard Johnson in place of Alec McCowen
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until November 16

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

L'AMORE MOLESTO (15): A woman grapples with her mother's bizarre death. Compelling and stylish psychological drama from director Mario Martone
MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

◆ **EMMA** (U): Gwyneth Paltrow shines in a Jane Austen adaptation that leans too much towards the pretty-pretty. With Jeremy Northam. Director, Douglas McGrath.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

LE MEPRIS (15): Gleaming revival of Jean-Luc Godard's 1963 fable about integrity, cinema, men and women. With Brigitte Bardot, Michel Piccoli and Jack Palance
Everyman (0171-435 1525)

◆ **A TIME TO KILL** (15): White lawyer defends black man, and the Ku Klux Klan wake up. Powerful adaptation of John Grisham's novel. With Samuel L. Jackson, Matthew McConaughey and Sandra Bullock. Director, Joel Schumacher
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

BEAUMARCHAIS (15): Pleasant costume drama about the wily French author of *The Marriage of Figaro*, played by Fabrice Luchini. Director, Edouard Molinaro
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **INDEPENDENCE DAY** (12): Aliens invade America's skies in this outsize popcorn feast starring Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith and Bill Pullman. Director, Roland Emmerich
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **MULHOLLAND FALLS** (15): Handsome but muted mystery thriller, set in 1950s Los Angeles, with Nick Nolte and John Malkovich.
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgin: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

THE PEREZ FAMILY (15): Wayward tale about Cuban immigrants in Miami, with Marisa Tomei, Alfred Molina, and Anjelica Huston. Director, Mira Nair.
Plaza ◪ (0990 888990)

◆ **PHENOMENON** (PG): John Travolta's IQ gets a booster shot. Increasingly mawkish comic fantasy. With Kyra Sedgwick.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

THE PROMISE (15): A love story derailed by the Berlin Wall. Turkish, worthy drama from Margaretha von Trotta, with Corinna Harfouch and August Zirner.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

◆ **STEALING BEAUTY** (15): Light and enjoyable Bertolucci film about an American teenager's sexual flowering in Tuscany. With Liv Tyler, Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Waterman's** (0181-568 1176)

NEW ON VIDEO



Typecast: Robert De Niro reprises his hard-man persona for the umpteenth time in Martin Scorsese's *Casino*

■ **CASINO**
CIC, 18, 1995
ROBERT DE NIRO is the Mob's man in Las Vegas during the 1970s, who builds and loses an empire. Joe Pesci is the trigger-happy thug who keeps him company; and Sharon Stone, in a notable performance, is the wife who self-destructs. Martin Scorsese orchestrates the action with immense flair, gliding around the casino tables: he also shows in fascinating detail how money is won, lost, diverted and skimmed. If only the central human drama had the impact of the incidentals; and if only the film did not feel so much like *GoodFellas II*. Available to rent.

■ **SPANKING THE MONKEY**
Tartan, 18, 1994
A QUIETLY impressive and disturbing first feature from David O. Russell, a thirtysomething New Yorker with an original slant on dysfunctional family life in suburbia. Hero Raymond is a college student forced to spend his summer tending his bedridden mother. Sexual frustrations mount; ultimately incest is reached. Russell's wry tone avoids sensationalism and lets black humour flourish. Jeremy Davies heads a well-chosen, unknown cast.

■ **FRENCH TWIST**
Fox Guild, 18, 1995
JOSIANE BALASKO'S French farce has the usual ingredients — wife, husband and lover. But this time the lover is a butch lesbian who breezes into the wife's life and leaves the philandering husband quivering. A silly trifle perhaps, prone to broad slapstick, but the saucy tone and popular cast generated a big local hit; and it is worth suffering a few pratfalls for a film that wears a sunny smile and delights in love of all shades. With Victoria Abril and Alain Chabat. This rental release is the subtitled version.

■ **BLACK RAIN**
Artificial Eye, 15, 1989
QUIETLY magnificent and poignant Japanese portrait of a family suffering over the years from the after-effects of the Hiroshima bomb. Shooting in crisp black-and-white, the director Shohei Imamura avoids all rhetoric; the film's strength comes from its understated dignity and observation of detail. Music by the late Toru Takemitsu adds to the spell.

■ **MIGHTY APHRODITE**
Buena Vista, 15, 1995
AMAZED at his adopted son's high IQ, Woody Allen goes in search of his natural mother and finds a dumb tart with a heart. The themes may be familiar, but Allen's comedy offers fresh variations, plus one engaging novelty — a Greek chorus who comment on the action ("Lenny, don't be such a schmuck!") and ultimately burst into song. If you get tired of Allen's neuroses, there is always Oscar-winner Mira Sorvino's well-rounded, touching performance as the squeaky-voiced porn actress who inspires him to play match-maker. Available to rent.

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■ **DOWLAND/CAMPION AND OTHERS**
English Folksongs and Lute Songs
Scholl/Martin
Harmonia Mundi
HMC 901603★★
ANDREAS SCHOLL is the latest counter-tenor discovery, raised in the René Jacobs stable, and highly sought after by the likes of William Christie, John Eliot Gardiner and recital halls throughout Europe. His voice has the sensuous ripeness of a James Bowman, tempered by the sweeter, more plangent qualities of a Michael Chance, even an Alfred Deller. He bravely takes on their territory here, in that most quintessentially English of all English music, the 17th-century lute song and unaccompanied folk-song.

In the subtle and symbiotic breathing of word and note in John Dowland's ayres, Scholl and his lutenist Andreas Martin can be just a little metrically over-robust. One or two niceties of underlay still elude him, despite his excellent and clear English enunciation.

Moreover, the harmonically over-safe, under-imaginative improvised lute accompaniments to the six folk-songs (including *The Three Ravens* and *O Waly Waly*) tend to undercut them expressively. That is especially true in the identical chord progressions serving all eight verses of *Barbara Allen*.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ **MOZART**
Die Zauberflöte
Oelze/Sieden/Schade/Finley/Peeters/English Baroque Solists/Gardiner
Archiv 449 096-2 (2 CDs)★★★
Also on video 072 447-3
JOHN ELIOT GARDINER closes his Mozart opera cycle with *Zauberflöte*. He has never veered from the style established with *Idomeneo* six years ago: mainly young singers, Baroque instruments, urgent tempos and a light, clear sound. The playing of the orchestra has an almost luminous quality, glittering like the Queen of the Night herself. The Papageno-Papagena duet has rarely been taken faster, but Gardiner never descends to the hectic nor flirts with the frivolous. A very impressive performance from him.

Among the soloists Gerard Finley's Papageno is the one who best matches his style. Finley is full of verve, quicksilver in his response to each new situation, although there is never much chance of this man hanging himself. His encounter with Pamina is especially telling. Christiane Oelze shapes that role delicately and at the end of the Act II aria there is a fair chance that she could do herself in.

Not all the principals reach this level, although Cyndia Sieden puts on the dazzle in the Queen of the Night's second aria. Michael Schade is a decent Tamino, but no more. Harry Peeters's Sarastro is short on authority.

The same *Zauberflöte* cast is available on video filmed at a semi-staged performance in Amsterdam. The Pilobolus dance group appears as assorted birds, beasts and triumphal arches. Not always an advantage. Gardiner's main rival is Christie with a similar approach on Erato.

ORCHESTRAL

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■ **SIEGFRIED WAGNER**
Complete Overtures, Vols 3 & 4
Staatsphilharmonie Rheinland-Pfalz/Albert
cpo 999 377/8-2★★★
VOLUMES 3 and 4 of Siegfried Wagner's complete overtures pretty well close this admirable cycle (by my reckoning there is one overture still to come, that to *Der Kobold*). The operas of Siegfried Wagner — 16 were completed — deal predominantly with the exotic world of medieval pageantry or fairy-tale, often with weird goings-on bordering on Satanism. Musically, they are occasionally redolent of Siegfried's illustrious father. But more usually they inhabit the sphere of Humperdinck, or perhaps Korngold — indeed, they frequently sound like film music *avant la lettre*.

The composer is at his most characteristic in the "Vision" from *Bruder Lustig* (Vol 3), with its soaring strings, celestial harps and pulsating triplets accompaniment. The music has a naive, open-hearted quality, which some may find sentimental, but true to its era, it expresses the fervent hope for peace and justice in the harsh, modern industrial age.

The operas themselves, which deserve to be revived, have not so far fared well on disc. But Werner Andreas Albert makes the strongest possible case for them with this series of overtures (which also includes other extracts) and already he has gone on to Siegfried Wagner's symphonic poems (cpo 999 366-2).

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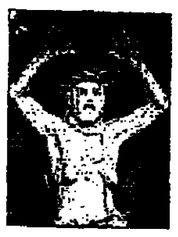
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DONALD COOPER

Masked men: Peter Gordon as the Old Shepherd (front) and Alan Howard as Oedipus (rear)

Blinded in moral amazement

THE front-line dispatches from Epidaurus, where Peter Hall's revival of Sophocles played earlier this month, must have left many readers excited but nervous. How would those masked, stylised performers fare when they left that vast stone arc, with its built-in magic and atmosphere-enhancing moun, and were transplanted to the modest clone we know as the Olivier? The answer is clear well before Alan Howard's Oedipus stumbles onstage, blood leaking down from the bandage that covers his eyes. Impressively and, at times, magnificently.

Oedipus is the victim of fate, doomed to kill his father and marry his mother. But he is also the victim of his own free will, for it is his unflinching determination to sleuth out truth that causes his downfall. When you watch Howard in his splendid red-black robes, confidently pacing the heavy brick walkway that juts from the iron wall behind him, you cannot miss the paradox. This is a magnetic, responsible ruler brought low less by hubris than by moral fineness.

But both the performance and the production run obvious risks. Howard has always been apt to play virtuoso tunes on that private cello, his voice: and here he soars and dips in ways that would certainly seem affected if he were in doublet and hose, let alone a business suit. But what else should we expect, given Hall's many reminders that Greek drama had its origins in ritual? The actors face the audience when conversing. Ranjit Bolt has provided them with a rhymed, iambically regular translation. And all you can see behind the masks is the flash of an eye or tongue.

The Oedipus Plays
Olivier

As Hall demonstrated when he used them in *The Oresteia* 14 years ago, masks are surprisingly flexible. The citizens in *Oedipus Rex* have a permanently guileless, startled look, yet they can express anything from hope to anguish to despair. In *Oedipus at Colonus*, Greg Hicks's Polynices somehow manages to shift from ambitious expectation to open-mouthed panic without displacing a facial atom. But the masks also help to explain why the emotions on display keep their distance. The evening is always gripping, seldom gut-wrenching: an oratorio of suffering.

Even so, pity is not wholly banished by terror. There are intimate and even touching moments, several involving Howard himself. He and Suzanne Bertish's Jocasta suddenly huddle together as danger nears. Blind and frightened, he clutches at the daughters Pip Donaghy's slippery Creon has tried to abduct. The Oedipus who approaches apotheosis at Colonus, and ends up transformed into one of Athens's minor deities, looks like Ezekiel as he might have been sculpted by Donatello. He is still larger than life; but there is vulnerability here too.

That is surely Hall's main achievement. Yes, his production has its visually striking moments. He handles the chorus in *Oedipus Rex* especially well, and his designer, Dionysis Fotopoulos, memorably turns the prophet Teiresias into a swaying shaman with clay-caked skin. But the final effect is neither picturesque nor stilted, what really matters is that Hall has reconciled Sophocles's moral grandeur with Sophocles's surpassing humanity.

● *Peter Stothard, the Editor of The Times, will be in conversation with Peter Hall at the Olivier on Saturday at 5.30pm*

A marriage of blood and poetry

The Poet Laureate talks to **Heather Neill** about translating Lorca's great play

Ted Hughes is as exact and exacting in his language as a Poet Laureate should be. Interviews make him nervous, because the clear transmission of ideas is difficult via conversation into print and he would choose not to pin them down too much in any case. A shy, friendly man, he talks obligingly and revealingly enough, but it is clear he would prefer to think or write rather than chat.

We meet at the Young Vic where his translation of Lorca's *Blood Wedding* is being directed by Tim Supple. "We don't want to intellectualise in any way," he says, while we are still shaking hands. "It short-circuits the response of the audience." Ideally he would like to "take away their expectations and learnt responses, so that they come naked to the play and respond to it on their own terms".

For Hughes, *Blood Wedding*, which opens at the Young Vic tomorrow, is "the ultimate statement of an ultimate event — and notoriously difficult to pull off on stage". Written in 1932 after Lorca had read a newspaper report about a murder committed the day before a wedding, it has the power and inevitability of folk tale. A bride runs away with another man on her wedding day; death follows unavoidably for the two men, and the woman is disgraced. In August 1936, Lorca was himself murdered by Nationalist partisans in Granada at the beginning of the civil war.

Hughes has "always been fond of" Lorca's poetry, which he reads in Spanish, although, perhaps surprisingly, he denies any similarity with his own work. It is the very Spanishness which he finds fascinating: "Part African, part Andalusian, the old Berber world, with its ferocious code of behaviour and the nearness to the surface of something explosive. There is a tremendous scream in the writing of *Blood Wedding* — yet an almost Japanese control." The Spanish language, too, has "an explosive, penetrative quality unlike English".

The passion which drives the man and woman to flout strict social convention regardless of the bloody consequences is equated by Hughes with *duende*. This is an elemental energy, a demonic force identified by Lorca as being present in some art and described in an essay by him. *Play and Theory of the Duende*, which Hughes fervently recommends. According to this, while an angel gives the artist light and a muse form, *duende* is "of blood, of the most ancient culture, of spontaneous creation". Bach has *duende* and Lorca is said to have listened obsessively to Cantata No 140 while he was writing *Blood Wedding*.

The play as a whole, says Hughes, is "very satisfying as a poem, musically taut. The prose dialogue is as tightly interconnected and consistent with the inner crystal of the play as the verse which Lorca chooses for the ritualistic scenes of wedding and death." Hughes set out to render it "very simply, very directly" into English. "I didn't try to replace one poetic idea with another. All Lorca's references are precise. Tinkering would alter the inner tensions of the play." As a result the translation is rhythmic, almost liturgical. Lorca constantly expresses human emotion in terms of natural phenomena: flowers, fire, snow. These are described by Hughes as "a ritualised engagement with the natural world". Ritualised but not divorced from reality. "There is a solid, rock-hard centre, a deep elemental reality. There is no sense that he was inventing a plot to make it work dramatically. There is a dead certainty that it actually happens. Love and death — that is Lorca's secret — they are two faces of one god. The first lines in *Blood Wedding* anticipate the whole."

The bridegroom's mother expresses her fear and hatred of knives and all weapons as her son leaves for his work in the vineyard, with a knife in his hand. "The play proceeds to fulfil these lines until the knife is almost apotheosised at the end. It is a hidden character beneath the action."

Hughes says that *Blood Wedding* may be beautiful as a poem, but "director and actors have to find a wavelength in which this primitive event may be released".

For his part, he prefers to see the script not as expressing final meanings, but as "provisional".

● Blood Wedding *begins previews at the Young Vic, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (0171-928 6363), tomorrow and opens on September 27, until November 2.*

CHRIS HARRIS



Ted Hughes — *Blood Wedding* is "the ultimate statement of an ultimate event — and notoriously difficult to pull off on stage"



Leontina Vaduva as Mimi: frail figure with robust tone

Bohemian rhapsody, part II

OPERA

La Bohème
Covent Garden

MONDAY'S second stage of the Royal Opera's Great Autumn *Bohème* Marathon brought a completely new cast to act out this ever-affecting ritual of love and loss, in a naturally flowing, well-balanced performance led by Jan Latham-Koenig and a production freshly spruced up by John Copley. As John Higgins suggested on Tuesday, only the lighting lets the side down: Julia Trevelyan Oman's decor is flattered neither by darkness (frequent) nor illumination (fleeting).

Leontina Vaduva is as appealing a Mimi as you could hope to meet: frail of figure but robust of tone, if lacking that extra ounce of warmth to add depth to her athletic, bright sound. She acts the role with great poignancy. Something went wrong with her make-up in the last act, though — face deathly pale, neck healthily pink.

Richard Leech is just as easy a naturalistic actor, and his experience in French roles means that he is enviably free at the top of the voice. After a certain huskiness early on, he soared excitingly in a very winning interpretation. The combination of full-throated singing and a soulfully smouldering demeanour made Jason Howard's Marcello equally winning, and Cynthia Lawrence's robustly sung Musetta (house debut) was a tart with a 24-carat heart.

Not much vocal finesse elsewhere — and it seemed odd to cast the baritone Alan Held as the bass Colline — but when played, sung and rehearsed so well, *Bohème* cannot fail, nor did it.

RODNEY MILNES

Missed adventure

AFTER a two-month parade of orchestras and their conductors at the Proms, it was good to be reminded in Tuesday's London Symphony Orchestra concert under Colin Davis that one of the finest such musical partnerships anywhere exists all year round in London. With typical adventurousness their opening concert of the season included a new work, Colin Matthews's Cello Concerto No 2 — but alas, it proved an arid, uninspiring score.

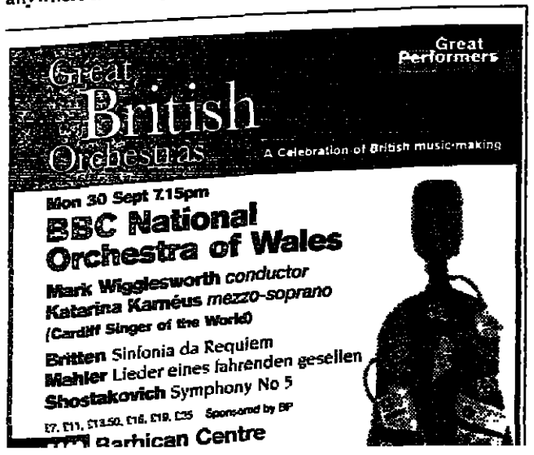
Written for Mstislav Rostropovich — who, in a fortnight's time, will premiere James MacMillan's Cello Concerto with the same forces — Matthews's Second Concerto is very different to its 1984 predecessor. This sparser piece gives the solo instrument a more prominent role without making excessively virtuosic demands.

At least there is a clear, logical structure to the concerto: the dark brass fanfares and woodwind flutterings of the scherzo are framed by two out Text", and they in turn are linked to sustained outer movements that contain the core material. The oppressive tension of the opening is perhaps resolved in the lyricism that sweeps through at the end, but there are no vigorous, arresting ideas. Despite Davis's disciplined direction and even Rostropovich's big, bold gestures, the performance fell flat.

The season had got off to a propitious start with Sibelius's early tone poem, *En Saga*. Few conductors understand Sibelius like Davis does, and his account had rugged flexibility, raw power and a sense of mystery to support the composer's evasive explanation of its programme as "the expression of a state of mind". Warm, characterful playing from all the strings made this even more memorable than the fiercely propulsive performance of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony that brought the evening to a blazing end.

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But some societies are more equal than others

Howard Davies on an ambitious assessment of the economic dilemmas of modern life

THE GOOD SOCIETY
The Humane Agenda
By J.K. Galbraith
Sinclair-Stevenson, £12.99
ISBN 1 85619 509 0

"Available in all good bookshops" is the way publishers typically describe the distribution arrangements for hard-to-shift volumes. On days when my pedantic instincts are in the ascendant I find it an irritating phrase. "Good bookshops" defined how? No doubt by the presence of the book in question.

It is tempting to make the same point about *The Good Society*. A society is "good" when it follows Galbraithian principles which, in turn, are the demonstrated qualities of the good society.

This is, I acknowledge, slightly unfair. Galbraith has tried to flesh out his definition. He has done so, however, in a style whose *de haut en bas* characteristics the word "arch" does not even begin to convey. The text is dotted with phrases like "of this there will be later mention" or "the matter here urged is" which read like translations from High German, and is punctuated with trenchant summaries of the story so far: "This, the good and affluent society and polity can now allow."

A book so replete with conclusions and recommendations should not be judged on its style, though it is worth making the point that the good book does not repel its readers: this, the profit-seeking publisher cannot allow.

But wait. It is as easy, and as fruitless, for the reviewer to lock himself into a tone of hostile cynicism as it was for J. K. to adopt his particular biblical, portentous style. So be gone, taste, and to content let us pass. The good review that way surely turns.

Galbraith seeks, heroically, to define the good society, not just in general but also in relation to the particulars of policies pursued by Western democracies. I say "Western democracies" but this is a book whose centre of gravity lies halfway between Boston and Washington DC — somewhere on the New Jersey Turnpike, I think. Because in the midst of his timeless observations come some very particular thoughts on the gubernatorial politics of the Garden State.


Galbraith: portentous

The early chapters on "the social foundation" or "the good economy" may serve historians two centuries hence as a guide to late 20th-century patrician liberal thought. Indeed, Galbraith makes some firm and sensible points in his sections on the deficit, the good economy and "the decisive role of education".

But the test of any guidebook is its ability to lead the tourist through difficult territory. How well does *The Good Society* score against that criterion?

Take the fraught question of inequality. What should we think about the recent tendency towards a more unequal distribution of income in the United States and the United Kingdom in particular? Galbraith's is aware of the trend, of course. His solution is that "the good society seeks, where possible, to reverse the decline in trade union power". Well, maybe. But he points out that "for many workers, however, organisation is not now a practical solution". So we are left in suspense.

Then consider downsizing. Galbraith's view is clear: he is against it. But he is honest enough to acknowledge that some of the causes of the underlying problem lie in the downsizers themselves — in what he usefully dubs "non-functional proliferation" of employment.

So how does the good society respond? Well, it makes sure that there is no non-functional proliferation in the first place. It stands to reason, as William would say. "There is undoubted social decency in intelligent action that obviates the need for recurrent and painful downsizing of unneeded staff."

Lastly, consider his views on the United States in the post-communist world. Here he is on firm ground. The United States has a unique hold on the principles of a good society and should spread the word, so "dispatch of the requisite police cum military personnel must be a general and accepted obligation". Further, the assumption that the United States "must not risk the political consequences at home of incurring any casualties abroad — must especially be revised".

The message is clear: accept the good society, or else. So rush, rush to your nearest good bookshop.

Howard Davies is Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.

Quest for vice and vision

IT IS A rare experience to glance at the publisher's hype on a book sleeve and agree with its claims for the author — unless you are the author, of course. But when *Flamingo* describe J. G. Ballard as being "at the forefront of modern British fiction writing for over three decades", whatever your literary taste, this is an uncontestable fact. It is also a triumph for the queasy beauty of Ballard's unnerving vision of worlds gone wrong.

In fact, it must be rather odd to get to the ripe old age of 66, have David Cronenberg film your early novel *Crash* with its very contemporary fusion of sex and technology — while all about you the youngsters are busily adapting Jane Austen for the big screen.

Although no one in *Cocaine Nights* wears a bonnet or bustle to snort the white powder while exploring the deformity of English manners, it is in some ways a book about the English. Set in the fictional Spanish coastal resort of Estrella de Mar — a kind of upmarket Marbella — Ballard's retired English expats watch satellite television with the sound turned down. When they are not slumped in a gin haze within the chemically cooled interiors of their dream homes, they swim and play tennis at the resort's classy "Club Nautico".

Deborah Levy

COCAINE NIGHTS
By J. G. Ballard
Flamingo, £16.99
ISBN 0 00 224135 8

THIS LIFESTYLE of endless leisure is shattered when five people die in a house fire during a debauched party. Frank Prentice, manager of Club Nautico, is arrested for murder and insists on pleading guilty. His brother, Charles, a travel writer who spends his time on aeroplanes "watching films as blurred as our hopes of finding somewhere new", arrives on the scene. Charles intuits that in order to comprehend his brother's refusal of innocence, he will have first to understand the hedonistic world of Estrella de Mar, with its drug trade, weird sex games and apparently motiveless crime.

Thus we have been set up for a thriller, of sorts, except Ballard (as ever, a cool prose master of uneasy erotic atmospheres) is not interested in good versus evil, or in meting out "justice". The titles of his chapters tell us this: "The Psychopath as Saint", "A Quest for New Vices", inviting the reader to enjoy unpacking the minds of attractively sinister citizens and the dead culture they inhabit.

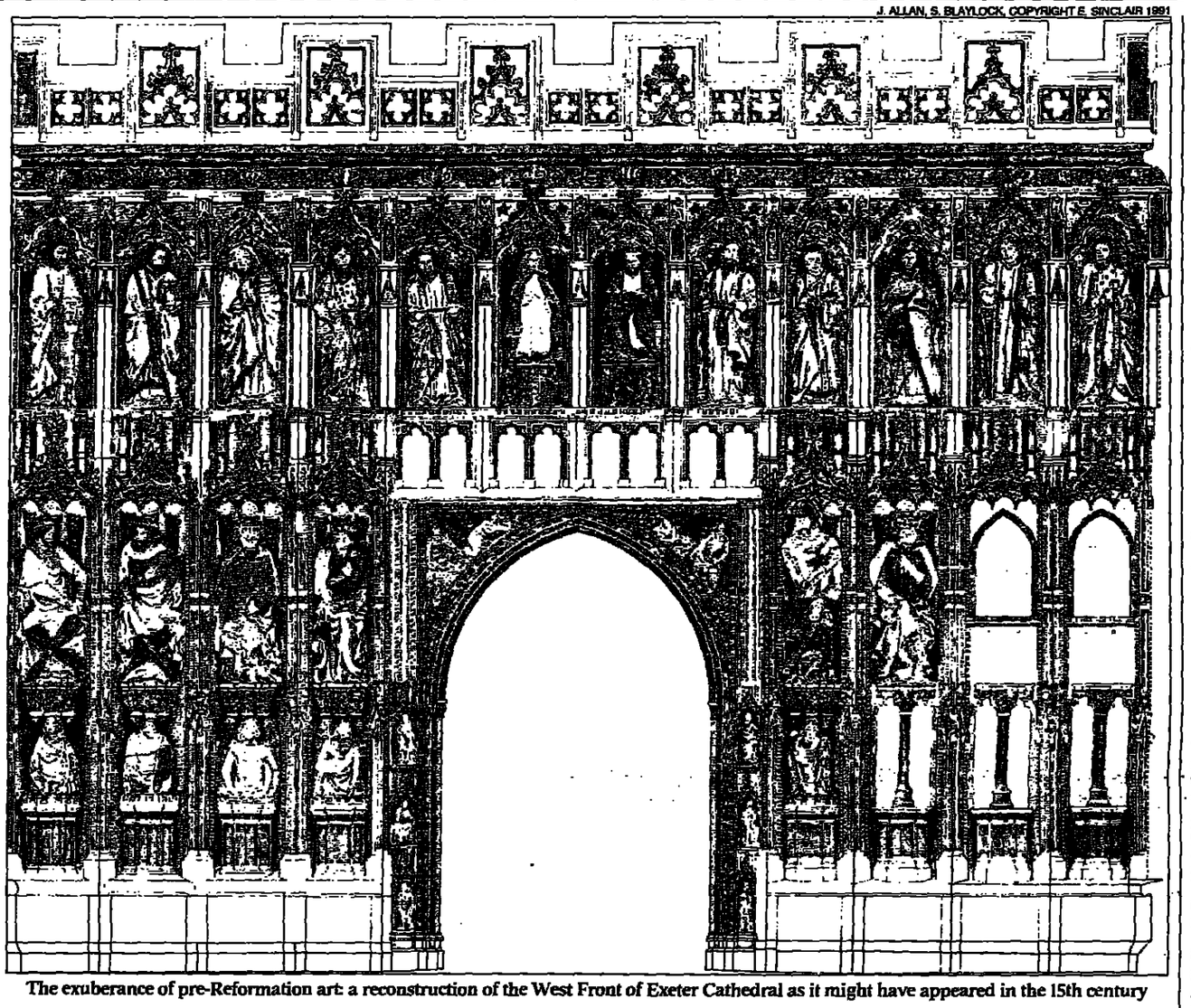
Among those who might finally enlighten Charles are Sanger, the melancholy psychiatrist whose hands tend to wander over his young female junkie patients, and the corrupt property tycoon, Elizabeth Shand, surrounded by boy bouncers in mini swimming trunks. It is Bobby Crawford, however, Club Nautico's tennis coach, who emerges as the mouthpiece for Ballard's contention that Leisure is the Future.

WITH HIS "ice white teeth", messiah-like status and military past, Crawford understands that in a Future of Boredom, unpredictable acts of violence can force some kind of social cohesion on a "mentally embalmed" community. *Cocaine Nights*, with its seamlessly plotted narrative and heightened naturalism shot with abrupt poetry, offers us a chilling version of the Good Life. As Charles becomes increasingly drawn into the idyllic community of Estrella de Mar, he comes to realise that it is often the psychopath who has the best insights into why we have failed to build a meaningful world for ourselves.

Deborah Levy's new novel Billy and Girl *will be published by Bloomsbury in November.*

Turning all things back to unity

Keith Thomas on an ecumenical challenge to orthodoxy


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The exuberance of pre-Reformation art: a reconstruction of the West Front of Exeter Cathedral as it might have appeared in the 15th century

REFORMATION
Christianity and The World 1500-2000
By Felipe Fernández-Armesto and Derek Wilson
Bantam, £30
ISBN 0 593 02743

The Reformation is normally regarded as one of the great turning points in history. It irretrievably shattered the unity of medieval Christendom and it brought into being that fateful polarity of Roman Catholic and Protestant which would dominate the subsequent history of Christianity.

Many historians have hailed the event as a magnificent act of liberation which emancipated the individual conscience and opened up the path to freedom, reason and toleration. Others have lamented it as a doleful schism which eroded the Church's authority and prepared the way for the secular materialism of the contemporary world. But whether applauding the Reformation as a blow for enlightenment or deploring it as the beginning of modern paganism, they have usually agreed that Roman Catholics and Protestants came to hold sharply opposed views of God and the world.

The two groups did not only differ in their attitude to the authority of the Pope. They also disagreed about the proper relationship of the clergy to the laity and about the way in which God should be worshipped. The celibate priest who absolved penitents and was uniquely qualified to perform the miracle of the Mass had a very different role from that of the married clergyman who preached sermons and conducted Holy Communion as a commemorative rite.

Generations of Protestants recoiled from a religion which involved services in Latin, plaster images of the Virgin and Saints and healing miracles at Lourdes. Today the divided legacy of the Reformation is nowhere more visible than in church architecture and ornament. To observe first the Baroque theatricality of a Jesuit church in Rome and then the puritanical simplicity of a Quaker meeting house is to doubt whether the Society of Jesus and the Society of Friends really practise the same religion.

Yet now there comes a lively book on the Reformation which challenges these traditional verities about its permanently divisive effects. The authors, Derek Wilson and Felipe Fernández-Armesto (fresh from his enthralling *Millennium*), describe themselves as, respectively, "an Evangelical Protestant of charismatic sympathies sparingly indulged" and "a Roman Catholic of Tridentine temptations wilfully resisted". Their collaboration is in itself an ecumenical act, designed to support their thesis that modern Roman Catholics and Protestants are not mutually opposed antagonists, but fellow-Christians who have in the late 20th century drawn ever closer together.

Their argument is threefold. First, they maintain that there was nothing particularly new about the 16th-century Reformation. Ever since Christianity began, there had been reformers seeking to return the Church to its apostolic simplicity. "Medieval Europe was just as rich as modern America in prophets, visionaries and gurus offering sure-fire guides to Heaven." The medieval Church was never united — witness the existence of Eastern orthodoxy — and it embraced an extraordinary diversity of monastic orders, mystics and local cults. The Reformation was just another phase in the long history of attempts at spiritual renewal.

Secondly, the Reformation was a common project for Roman Catholics and Protestants alike. Both sides sought to intensify the faith of individuals and to evangelise ignorant villagers at home and pagans overseas. Personal austerity. Bible study and lay involvement were not the monopoly of Protestants: and Jansenists were as puritanical as any so-called "Puritans".

Thirdly, the "quiet revolution" of the later 20th century has gone a long way towards obliterating the differences which the Reformation created. In the 30 years since Vatican II, the two sides have drawn closer together. Many Protestant churches place more emphasis on the Eucharist than on preaching, while most Roman Catholics have abandoned Latin for the vernacular. Thanks to the charismatic movement, claims to healing miracles are no longer a Roman Catholic monopoly, if they ever were. Protestants and Roman Catholics sing each other's hymns and are equally uninterested in (or ignorant of) the doctrinal differences which once divided them. A modern Roman Catholic church, like St Jeanne d'Arc in Rouen, could easily be mistaken for an Anglican or Lutheran building.

This is a fresh and original interpretation of what has happened to Christianity over the past 500 years. It is in many ways a convincing one, though, in their pursuit of Christian unity today, the authors surely understate the differences which divided Roman Catholic from Protestant in the past. Despite some wobbles when they get to the 17th century, they march through a long period of history with a confidence that is impressive.

As for the position today, the authors assert wistfully that secularism is now "on the defensive" and that we are living in a period of spiritual renewal. This may be true of the Islamic world, and of Christianity in Africa, but the empty churches and secular culture of Europe make one doubt whether it is true in the lands where the Reformation occurred. No wonder that Roman Catholics and Protestants now see the desirability of hanging together.

Fernández-Armesto and Wilson do not tell us which parts of their book are by which author. It requires no great critical skill to detect two sharply contrasting styles, one rich, vivid and colourful, the other plain, serviceable and a little dull. Whatever the prospects for ecumenism in worship, it seems that, at the literary level, denominational differences are not so easily eradicated.

At the dead heart of the family

Marianne Wiggins

IN THIS DARK HOUSE
By Louise Kehoe
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Now for all our sakes, let us sit upon the ground and tell sad stories of the death of the Family, that familiar soup that forever stains our ties.

When our leaders speak, as they too often do, of "family values", whose family, exactly, would they have us hold as our ideal as we shamble through a lifelong minefield littered with our kith and kin?

Daily, we're reminded that The Family, as it once was and as it should be, is in trouble, and that the blame falls squarely on (choose one): working mothers, liberality, Britpop, drugs or the sparing of the rod in general. Rubbish. What literature (the Good Book included) has taught us is that families were ever thus — shambolic and conniving; unavoidable, like death. The best ones were (and are) the ones that do not forge a chain made of repeated pain, but the ones that spawn creatures capable of grace, of love and of forgiveness.

How or why this miracle takes place is the very wonder of our flawed existence, and we need to hear as many stories of it as we can. How one forgives one's family for the pain that it has wreaked may be, in fact, the best and most enlightening story any of us can be told. Any writer with the gift to tell it well should be celebrated loud and long, and any book that helps us to learn how to perform such an act of grace should become an instant classic. Such is the writer Louise Kehoe and her family memoir, *In This Dark House*.

Born and raised in England but now living in the United States, Kehoe is the daughter of the architectural genius Berthold Lubetkin, best remembered by most people as the creator of the gorilla and penguin houses at London Zoo. But by fellow architects, he is immortal as the founder of Tecton, an architectural practice which became the greatest protagonist of prewar Modernism in Britain. The fire hazard of being born into familial proximity to such genius, Kehoe writes, was to have been burnt by that all-consuming brilliance. "We grew up," she writes of her and her siblings' early years, "in permanent contention with one another over a meagre and fickle supply of paternal affection."

But instead of feeling sorry for herself and the other victims of her father's emotional brutality, when Kehoe is given a picture of her father as a boy in his native Russia, she sets out to uncover how the gentle child became the stormy man. Along the way she unearths a complicated history of family myth-making and deception. Often told artlessly (her style is that of a natural), Kehoe's journey into her family's truth is a page-turning thriller. At once both spellbinding and spine-tingling, *In This Dark House* never fails to astonish. It is impossible to overpraise this gem of a book and its brave and compassionate author.


Louise Kehoe (left) with her father and brother, Robby

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Loud and clear in Finland, at least

THE ENVY OF THE WORLD
Fifty Years Of The BBC Third Programme and Radio 3
By Humphrey Carpenter
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £25
ISBN 0 297 81720 5

Humphrey Carpenter does for British culture what Aleksei Stakhanov did for Soviet coalmining. He was the founder of a band called Vile Bodies which became resident at the Ritz. He presents radio programmes like *In Tune* and *Night Waves*. He plays the tuba, and he directs the Cheltenham Festival of Literature. He writes children's books and biographies — sometimes more than one at a time.

Recently, he has been examining two very different national institutions — lifting Robert Runcie's archiepiscopal skirts with one hand, snatching at the seven veils of the Third Programme and Radio 3 with the other. Not all has been revealed.

This is partly Carpenter's fault, partly the BBC's. Weidenfeld's publicity material says he had unlimited access to BBC archives: but that requires elaboration. The Written Archives Centre at Caversham, which is open to outside researchers, contains papers only up to the mid-1970s. Files from then on are retained in the BBC's Records and Programme Information Centre, which, as Carpenter economically informs us, "is not open to users outside the BBC".

Although there is a cryptic acknowledgement to someone who "kindly made it easy to investigate more recent papers", Carpenter in effect has been denied access to the files covering the last 20 years. For that period he has had to rely on press clippings, interviews with interested parties, and gossip — the raw materials not of the historian but of the journalist. Lord Runcie, in his generous and poignant postscript to Carpenter's biography, makes a fair point about his heavy reliance on the tape recorder: "Burbling into it for background, I find it reproduced for substance."

Carpenter chronicles the early years of the Third with a wealth of colourful anecdote. There was severe interference from a station in Latvia. There were reports that the programme could not be heard in Bloomsbury, although Sibelius was getting it loud and clear in Finland. During the Arctic winter of 1947, it came off the air entirely — to the indignation of Mrs Lily Thicknesse of Surrey: "Could not some of the music hall programmes have been cancelled instead of the Third Programme?", she wrote. "Or must the lower orders alone be considered?"

The lower orders, as it happens, were very much in William Haley's mind when he set up the Third Programme 50 years ago, but those early days were not easy. Taking an important live relay from France was still a gamble: "You are quite likely to get hooked up to the wrong opera house." And almost from the start, there was a sense of beleaguerement. Harman Grisewood, the second Controller, was philosophical. "It was what I'd expected," he told Carpenter. "We'd all been brought up by Reith to think that working men should appreciate Beethoven and that kind of thing, but I knew it was a lot of balls."



A "highbrow" Third Programme family, parodied in the *Daily Sketch* in 1956

Reith himself thought the whole idea of the Third was a lot of balls. He told the Beveridge Committee it was a waste of a precious wavelength. But Reith, like so many of the network's critics, past and present, didn't actually listen to it. If he had, he would have heard Fred Hoyle's talks on the nature of the universe. The demand for scripts was so large that when Blackwell's put them out in book form, the first printing of 10,000 sold out in a week. It was also on the Third that Michael Ventris announced he had deciphered the Linear B tablets from Knossos.

Drama did not initially make a strong impact. Leslie Stokes, the network's first presentation and publicity assistant, told Tyrone Guthrie that most BBC drama producers were "fit only for producing on Bognor Pier". Later, the Third played a part in the early careers of Beckett and Stoppard, though Carpenter observes that in each case it failed to pick up the crucial play which made the writer's reputation.

Carpenter owes his title *The Envy Of The World*, to Peter Laslett, a prominent defender of the network in the 1950s. Admired and copied across Western Europe, it had a tougher ride within the BBC. Haley apart, the only Director-General who showed more than a passing interest was Charles Curran, who had produced for it in the late 1940s. At the time of the *Broadcasting In The Seventies* controversy over the proposed reshaping of radio, Ian Trethowan, the new Managing Director of Radio, drafted a riposte to the Campaign for Better Broadcasting which spoke of "a private playground for elitists in cerebral masturbation".

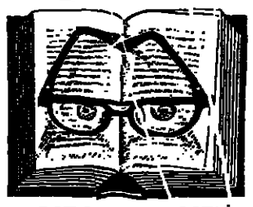
Carpenter writes that the BBC has never really faced up to the fact that if a network like Radio 3 is to do its job properly, it will, by definition, have only a very small audience. That is incontestable. He also rightly insists that in cultural broadcasting, as in all other areas of human activity, there has never been a golden age.

Not everyone has abandoned hope of a return to the old order. John Spurling, a 1960s Third Programme announcer, sketched for Carpenter his "millennial dream" for a restored Third — "tough, experimental, elitist, scholarly, argumentative, unmissable."

Ah, yes. "But that was in another country; and besides, the wench is dead."

The author was Controller, Radio 3, 1978-87.

Making a lesser splash



BIBLIOMANE

DR JOHNSON recognised the part that book-collectors can play in advancing scholarship, saying that every man should collecteditions of one book systematically "and present it to a public library".

Mary Hyde Lady Eccles, is the world's foremost Johnson collector, and her munificence made possible the Hyde edition of *The Letters of Samuel Johnson*. Adding 52 letters to the canon, this is one of Oxford's most prestigious titles of the decade, and this year it has been one the great bargains too — available, for the lucky ones, at as little as £80 for the five volumes.

But in an act of *lese-majesté*, the editor, Bruce Redford, has omitted the letter numbers used in Oxford editions for a century. This renders useless references by number only in many books, including, often, the standard edition of Boswell's *Life of Johnson* (Oxford, six vols, 1934, rep. 1971).

In his 1952 edition of the letters, R.W. Chapman had scrupulously kept G.Birkbeck Hill's numbering from 60 years before, while intercalating nearly 500 new letters. Redford fails to supersede his edition: one must have both.

INCIDENTALLY, if you are lucky enough to see Chapman's book of essays written during his war service, *The Portrait of a Scholar* (Oxford, 1920), buy it, if only for a single marvellous sentence about his choice of what antiques to collect: "One cannot easily have too many spoons."

SINCE the Johnson, Redford has moved on, and next month Yale will publish his short study of *Venice and the Grand Tour* (£20). He argues that the peripatetic finishing school for boys was thought an ambiguous blessing, for tourists came back with some terrible foreign habits, and perhaps diseases. Yet as another proud maritime state, Venice instilled a proper respect for British liberties.

Being mainly about the 18th century, this is a happy companion to John Pemble's *Venice Rediscovered* (Oxford), which is mainly about the 19th century. Pemble too is concerned with how Venice affected intellectual developments elsewhere. For instance, after Napoleon had conquered the great trading republic, 29 rooms of archives were opened, and historians turned for the first time to letters and diplomatic reports to see behind the "entrusted truth" of previous histories.

Despite all the books about Venice, Pemble can still surprise — did you know that the city was bombed in the First World War? — and I managed to read his book in Venice itself without dropping it in a canal.

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BRIDGEMAN

Portrait of Renaissance acquisitiveness: *The Money Lenders* by Quentin Massys (circa 1466-1530)

Of objects and desire

Michael Levey

WORLDLY GOODS
By Lisa Jardine
Macmillan, £25
ISBN 0 333 63810 7

This book, subtitled "A New History of the Renaissance", deals with traffic in and acquisition of worldly goods during that period, and it starts with a discussion of the worldly goods depicted by Carlo Crivelli in his famous painting of the Annunciation, in the National Gallery in London.

The choice of picture is excellent, since the composition is packed with fascinating items, not solely of European manufacture, recorded by the artist with fierce precision. Among them is the Virgin's bed, a piece of furniture commonly seen in Renaissance depictions of the subject. Unfortunately, Professor Jardine supposes it to be a table. She also believes that the painter's home town was Ascoli Piceno; Crivelli was a Venetian, as he takes care to stress in this very picture by adding to his signature the adjective "*Veneti*".

Of course, it would be wrong to imply that a large, bold and complex undertaking, as represented by this book, is invalidated by a small mistake or two about a work of art by someone not a specialist in art history. A mass of material is freshly assembled here, with unusual, absorbing emphases, and with constant, admirable clarity of style. But the book is devoid of notes. It has only a single, all-purpose and slightly off-beat bibliography, unlinked to individual chapters; it is hard for the general reader, intrigued by a reference or eager to check some fact, to know how to pursue the point.

But these details need not trouble the majority of readers, and almost anyone interested in the Renaissance will gain from reading the book. Despite a very different subject-matter, it appears in concept to be a by-product of Simon Schama's brilliantly accomplished and well-documented volume, *The Embarrassment of Riches* (a book to be found in the present one's bibliography). Perhaps it is rather cool of the jacket to announce Professor Jardine's work as a new "History" of the Renaissance, but what we have in Jardine's book is a new and highly rewarding approach to the Renaissance.

It gets away from standard cultural history, as also markedly from standard art history. If occasionally the main emphasis grows blurred, and the author is distracted from her chief concern, much of the book focuses, in lucid detail, on the nature of goods exchanged, how they were obtained, and how valued, with illuminating effect. Supporting the text throughout are apposite illustrations, often of recondite items, from astrolabes to pages from account books. This is the material from which the culture was woven, and it is pertinent to be reminded that in that world a commodity such as pepper might rank as at least as valuable as a painting.

Particularly stimulating, indeed provocative, is the author's discussion of acquisitiveness as manifested in magnificence and ostentation, although I feel she is a little harsh about the motives of men like Federigo da Montefeltro, in whom a genuine love of the new book-learning may have co-existed with a love of the sumptuous. And one must remember that a taste for rich jewels, say, was no novelty. Already, in the 12th century, Abbot Suger had purred over his accumulated gems (admittedly to adorn the church of St Denis), acquired from the collections of English kings.

Notably to be saluted in Professor Jardine's survey is its impressive range. She not only achieves a first-rate balance between southern and northern Europe, rightly allotting full space to the North, but she gives most welcome attention to an often neglected geographical area, that of the Ottoman Empire. Once treated in conventional history as simply a hostile fact of life, it is here shown to be of great commercial relevance, and to have had its own artistic momentum. Both text and illustrations skilfully and vividly bring home to the reader the fact that Istanbul too enjoyed a renaissance.

The book's jacket deserves a final word. Effectively utilising a portrait by the gifted Netherlandish painter, Gossaert, it provides a lasting image of the Renaissance merchant, there engaged in writing but with head raised, subjecting the spectator to cold scrutiny (no chance of a loan, seems the message). This memorable but unknown individual stands for a ubiquitous, significant yet seldom celebrated type, something of a hero of the age and one who, after this book, can no longer be called unsung.

Rash thinker who is in two minds

NOAM CHOMSKY is famous for his contributions to the infant science of linguistics; he is also famous for his denunciations of America, its government, its culture, its foreign policy and its allies. The two Chomskys are quite unrelated. The first writes clearly and eloquently, with a scrupulous respect for the principles of scientific discourse.

The second writes a seething and hectic prose, from which little of substance can be gleaned apart from the self-intoxicated anger of the writer, and which is marked by an utterly unscrupulous attitude to all arguments and opinions other than Chomsky's own. Both Chomskys appear in *Powers and Prospects* (Pluto Press, £40, ISBN 0 7453 1107 5) which begins with a lucid overview of Chomskian linguistics and cognitive science.

According to Chomsky, the surface order of a sentence derives from a "deep structure". The apparent grammar should be distinguished from the underlying syntax, contained in the "transformation rules" which generate sentences from structures that are common to all human brains. These structures are the linguistic "universals", stored in the human brain by a long process of evolution.

Stated thus crudely, the theory seems more like an ambitious programme for a future science than the outline of a present one. But the work of Chomsky and his followers has made the picture more precise, and the belated discovery that Frege, Russell and Tarski had already produced transformational grammars — albeit for artificial languages — has given a renewed impetus to Chomskian linguistics.

Chomsky, who long ago ceased to be a cautious thinker, has not learnt all the expertise in linguistics gives him the right to settle matters by ex cathedra decree. Nevertheless, it is clear that, were he to devote his intellectual powers to the philosophy of language and mind, he would have much to say.

Unfortunately Chomsky no longer has time for such pursuits. He is much exercised by the moral responsibility of the intellectual, in a world where power is in the wrong hands. And the responsibility of the intellectual, he informs us, is to tell the truth, especially the unpalatable truth about the society which produced him. The fact that Chomsky has not, in the past, told the truth about communism is well enough known, though not to Chomsky. Still, this does not disqualify him as a critic of Western civilisation, and there is no doubt that his intemperate diatribes against the prevailing political order are received with rapturous applause wherever student radicals enjoy the benefits of that civilisation — including the benefit, unknown in the regimes which student radicals tend to support, of listening to intemperate diatribes against the prevailing political order.

The vision offered in the speechifying part of *Powers and Prospects*, and in the Pluto Press, £35, ISBN 0 7453 1138 5), is more or less indistinguishable from that espoused by the 19th-century anarchists and their Bolshevik disciples. According to Chomsky we must work for a world without power and domination, in which nobody is oppressed by anybody else, and in which liberty, equality and fraternity are the ruling principles. But to achieve this result we need to oppress the oppressors — and this means using the power of the State to break the capitalists, the ruling elites, the multinationals, the holders of property. To demolish power, therefore, we must first increase it, by transferring power from private hands to the centralised bureaucracy. This bureaucracy, being controlled by Chomsky and his fans, will use power for the public good.

IT IS just possible that Chomsky has had time to study the invariable result of this way of thinking, whether in Russia, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, or modern Africa. But his criticisms of actual utopian experiments are muted at best, and seem to be included in order to prove how fair-minded Chomsky is. It requires courage, Chomsky constantly implies, to expose the lies and subterfuges of capitalist power. For, as everyone knows, the media and the intellectual establishment in America are devoted to a huge cover-up operation, designed to conceal the crimes of America and its allies.

The issue that Chomsky raises — whether crimes committed by friendly powers are to be exposed as vigorously as crimes committed by foes — is too important to be discussed in this adolescent way. Even if you can get through these self-righteous speeches without constant recourse to the vomissory, you will not be the

Leader lost

When John Smith died just two years ago memories were revived of another Labour leader robbed by fate of the chance to rule. Hugh Gaitskell stands in the front rank of the finest Prime Ministers Britain never had, but he is scarcely known now to anyone under 40.

When he died in 1963 he left Labour poised for government after 12 years of painful opposition during which he had fought relentlessly to modernise his party.

Brian Brivati succeeds in capturing the contradictory qualities of the Wykehamist who won the loyalty of Durham's miners, the rationalist damned as a "desiccated calculating machine" who was still capable of rousing conference rhetoric and the ethical collectivist who found comfort in the arms of a high Tory hostess.

Brivati characterises the conflict between the two sides of Gaitskell's personality as a struggle for supremacy between two Oxford influences, the Epicurean don Maurice Bowra and his undergraduate contemporary, the earnest socialist Evan Durbin; the tension Brivati delineates helps explain how Gaitskell could inspire the devoted loyalty of Labour's most talented post-war generation.

Gaitskell was accused, like Tony Blair, of running the people's party from his North London dinner table; but unlike Blair, although he operated from an elite base, he enjoyed a close relationship with every part of the Labour movement. From his constituents in Leeds South to trade union leaders such as Arthur Deakin and Sam Watson and the pupils he taught as a WEA the manner of the late John Smith.

Nevertheless, that feeling across class was not reflected in cordiality across Labour's factional barriers. From provoking Bevan's resignation in 1951 over defence expenditure to his inspirational cry to "fight, fight and fight again" against his party's unilateralists, Gaitskell succeeded in keeping Labour in Britain's political mainstream by facing down his party's Left.

A child of empire, Gaitskell always believed Britain should play a world role and it was that conviction as well as a desire to unite his party against pro-European Macmillan that inspired him to invoke "a thousand years of history" in his 1962 conference speech to turn Labour against Common Market membership. As the modern Labour Party grapples with the difficulties of defining a progressive agenda, it might do well to consider the courage of Gaitskell in recognising that it was in Britain's history, not foreign futures, that real inspiration lay.

Michael Gove

HUGH GAITSKELL
By Brian Brivati
Richard Cohen, £25
ISBN 1 86066 073 8

Brivati's book, although not as respectful as Philip Williams's 1979 biography, is sympathetic and, at times, very attractively written. The occasional inelegancy and inaccuracy are more than made up for by Brivati's energy and skill in reacquainting us with the man he calls

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Simon Wilde on the West Indian held in higher esteem by club than by country

Simmons a prized asset relishing the appreciation

If you pretend to be, or to have been, something special in Caribbean cricket, there was only one place to be last night: the Pegasus hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, where the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) held a banquet in honour of its retired Test players and "others who have made significant contributions to West Indies cricket over the years".

One all-rounder whose presence was not required spent the evening thousands of miles away in the less exotic surroundings of the Leicestershire village he has made his home, where he probably wasted little time contemplating the gilded gathering. His thoughts will have been trained on helping his adopted county acquire the 11 points they need from their last match to secure the championship.

Phil Simmons's talents are not as highly regarded in the Caribbean as they might be but Leicestershire appreciate they have got something very special indeed. His team-mates are adamant that, when it comes to the existing crop of overseas players, they possess "the best of the lot".

"He is a great team man," Adrian Pierson, the Leicestershire off spinner, said yesterday. "He does not care about his personal performance as long as the team does well. To say such a thing sounds like a cliché, but in Phil's case it is not."

In fact, Simmons has enjoyed remarkable success, unlike in his first season with the club in 1994, when his colleagues were no less generous in their praise. He has scored 1,000 runs and taken 50 wickets in the championship alone and is the first man to perform such a "double" since the competition switched exclusively to four-day matches in 1993.

"He has filled in superbly with the ball when Alan Mullally has been away with England, taking some big wickets, and generally asserted his authority when it was most needed," Pierson said. "But whatever he does, he is always humble about it. I can remember once when he wanted me to autograph a bat for someone but would not disturb me because I was eating my lunch."

Also to be taken into account are the invaluable technical and strategic ideas he has floated and his sheer enthusiasm for the game. He lives, sleeps and eats cricket, and when he is around, so do Leicestershire, fired by the enthusiasm of their giant Trinidadian and the thrill that winning creates.

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When a club boasts such an asset, the debate about the value of overseas players at county level, such as the one held by the Cricketers' Association at its annual meeting on Tuesday, seems much less confused. Pierson, for one, is in no doubt. "However much Leicestershire are paying Phil, he is worth twice that to us. How on earth can West Indies leave him out of their side?"

How on earth indeed, but they might soon be doing so on a long-term basis. The WICB is using the gathering in Jamaica to discuss wholesale changes to the structure of Caribbean cricket, including the future of its players in county cricket.

It is toying with putting its leading players on year-round contracts that would prevent them agreeing to lucrative but tiring assignments in England. Even if it balks at the cost of this, a probable extension of the Caribbean season into June will make it less likely that counties will be prepared to employ players available to them for so little of the season. Though he still badly wants to play for West Indies, Simmons alone has already formally agreed to return to Leicestershire for the next two years, which shows clearly enough where he thinks his future lies.

If counties do steer away from West Indians in future, it will be to the benefit of cricketers from other climes — especially, perhaps, Pakistan, who have a clutch of players who toured England this summer eager to try their luck here — but may be a loss to the counties as a whole. West Indians have served them exceptionally well since the registration rules were opened up in 1968. Simmons is one of eight West Indians employed by the 18 counties this year and two years ago he was one of 13. And if Leicestershire win the title, he will be the third West Indian in four years to help his county to the championship, after Haynes with Middlesex, in 1993, and Lara with Warwickshire, in 1994.

West Indians have helped 16 of the last 28 championship winners to their titles, a contribution no other country can remotely match. South Africa come next, having provided men for eight championship winning sides.

Australia, whose board has encouraged its players to rest rather than play during the English season, have played a part in only three successful championship campaigns — one of them, Graeme McKenzie, helping Leicestershire to their first title in 1975.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Leicestershire have seen the best of Simmons with the bat — and the ball — this season

Graveney seeking support of players

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAVID GRAVENEY, general secretary of the Cricketers' Association, must wait until next month to discover whether his members will agree to him attempting to succeed Raymond Illingworth as chairman of the England selectors.

Graveney believes he can combine the two roles and has the support of Tim Curtis, the association's outgoing chairman. Curtis forced Graveney to withdraw from a head-to-head contest with Illingworth last March but admitted at this week's annual meeting of the association that his attitude had changed.

Delegates from each county will now discuss the situation with their players before a formal vote is taken at a meeting of the executive in three weeks' time.

Mike Gatting, an ally of Graveney's, is the association's new president, the first playing member to hold the post. He succeeds Jack Bannister, the author and commentator. Matthew Fleming, of Kent, takes over from Curtis, who has served as chairman for seven years.

"A final decision on David will be made before he goes away on the England A tour on October 23," Curtis said. "But my own view has changed from earlier this year. David's vision of how the job will be done, should he be appointed, is very different from how Ray Illingworth did it. He sees it as a convener's role, a predominantly organisational one, with management and coaching of the England team totally separate.

"Under his proposals, he would not be in a salaried post and, in fact, the Test and County Cricket Board would have to compensate the Cricketers' Association for lost time."

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Scoffshire A (P Schofield)	19921
2	Eatons Goats (J Eaton)	19859
3	Eatons Goats 2 (J Eaton)	19833
4	Spread Eaglets 3rd X (P Stewart)	19792
5	Kalb's Corkers 2 (N Kalb)	19401
6	Eatons Goats 3 (J Eaton)	19354
7	Opportunists 3rd XI (Stewart)	19264
8	The Run Rats (Mrs L Tattoo)	19238
9	Cormans Balls 2 (D Blackburn)	19230
10	Hollioakes (M Ward)	19226
11	Ataturks (P Stewart)	19132
12	Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart)	19124
13	Wakening Wonders (D Brunt)	19065
14	Teddy 3 (B Bear)	19011
15	K P Allstars 3 (KR Patel)	18983
16	Heavens 5th XI (RJ Wall)	18980
17	Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart)	18973
18	Sandwich Stag (I Ellis)	18952
19	O Danny Boys (DJ Hornsby)	18904
20	The Croziers (I Hunt)	18824
21	Likely Lads (L Mallett)	18806
22	Freds Team (R Price)	18786
23	G B's First XI (G Brooks)	18774
24	Bowled Marilyn (H Paull)	18760
25	Torridge Champs (C Hulbert)	18747
26	Pennal Bealers (JS Hutchinson)	18729
27	Caroline C (A Lockhurst)	18724
28	The Ton Machine (N Kalb)	18698
29	Cheadle High School (M Roberts)	18697
30	Kalb's Corkers 5 (N Kalb)	18549
31	Taff's Tigers (J Short)	18527
32	Primeshire (C Hulbert)	18417
33	P J M 1 (PJ Mead)	18404
34	Caroline D (A Lockhurst)	18587
35	Caroline 1 (A Lockhurst)	18581
36	Caroline A (A Lockhurst)	18522
37	Stars Wars 3 (Z Ali)	18519
38	Ricardos Marvels (R Williams)	18504
39	Spike Thomas XI (TE Webb)	18496
40	Thingy Bob (AZA Ghani)	18479
41	D J N 6 (DJ Mead)	18463
42	Barbrel Rangers (JS Hutchinson)	18448
=43	Eastbrook Wonders (P Rawlins)	18426
=43	Silly Mid Wickets (J Tracy)	18426
45	Wig's Wonders (A Wigley-Jones)	18399
46	Haye Bales Of A Time (JR Stanley)	18392
47	Torridge Tops (C Hulbert)	18383
48	The Islanders (G Evans)	18352
49	Daves Diamonds (D Tattoo)	18322
50	(RJ Hutchinson)	18303
51	Odyssey 4 (M Long)	18280
52	The Tidy Boy's (M Woodley)	18253
53	Johnson's First XI (RJ Johnson)	18252
54	Mikes XI (N Evans)	18248
55	Oddity 2 (M Long)	18244
56	Charlie 3 (C Webb)	18222
57	M J S Team 1 (R Stent)	18212
58	Oh Jiffy Six (M Long)	18210
59	Jones Boys One (ML Jones)	18203
60	Willow Wanderers (PR Stewart)	18202
61	Heavens Fourth XI (RJ Wall)	18194
62	Jones Boys Two (M Jones)	18143
63	M C M (M Poswal)	18109
64	Hunsastic (A Frazer)	18097
65	New York Dolts (Rae)	18092
66	Grasshoppers (S Timmins)	18080
67	The Runwicks (J Davenport)	18070
68	Oakey Allstars 8 (S Roberts)	18068
=69	Skys The Limit CC (K Sutton)	18063
=69	Odessy Three (M Long)	18063
71	Teddy Four (B Spare)	18060
72	Wednesdayshire (A Hibbert)	18056
73	Jones XI Wonders (Dr M Jaseja)	18053
74	Bertie's Allsorts 11 (BE Howes)	18052
75	Flame Start (A Medlock)	18045
76	The Lynwood Lotties (D Tattoo)	18018
77	GT Old Boys (MA Trovell)	18009
78	Teddy Two (B Bear)	18007
79	Addy 1 (M Long)	18004
80	Webbest Wallies (AR Howse)	17992
81	Bach Bitss Back (R Bach)	17981
82	Tooting Cavaners (N Redleme)	17974
=83	Dim 4 (DJ Mead)	17968
=83		17968
85	Lindas Loosers (L Tattoo)	17951
86	Must Be Pay Day (F Panayi)	17948
87	Kalb's Corkers 1 (N Kalb)	17945
88	Amphetamine Kids (M Eves)	17942
89	Kims Kaviers (K Dowsett)	17927
90	Team With No Name	17920
91	Taunton A (J Hunt)	17901
92	Straws Eleven (B Straws)	17891
93	The Spotted Dog (A Hibberd)	17890
94	I Have A Dream (M Squires)	17884
95	Porridge County (C Hulbert)	17882
96	Early Birds 3 (M Whitley)	17862
97	Webbeas Wombles (AR Howse)	17842
98	Breakfast Boys (J Goodman)	17838
99	M C K K Boys (AZA Ghani)	17824
100	Six Hitters (N Merchant)	17814

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by September 16. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**, Rising Stars in *italic*.

INTERACTIVE Team Cricket enters its last week, with Mr P. Schofield, of Bolton, retaining the lead from two of Mr J. Eaton's teams. Mr Eaton had led for much of the summer before being overhauled last week. Mr Schofield's team, Scoffshire A, has garnered him 19,921 points in total, 62 points clear of Mr Eaton's second-placed Eatons Goats team.

Mr Schofield has changed his team 28 times over the season — as all the leading players in ITC have — and his team now contains only two of the players in Mr Eaton's second-placed team: Graham Gooch, the Essex batsman, and Philip Tufnell, of Middlesex. Mr Schofield's full team is: **A J Hollioake** (Surrey), **M P Maynard** (Glamorgan), **T M Moody** (Worcestershire), **G A Gooch** (Essex), **G P Thorpe** (Surrey), **D R Brown** (Warwickshire), **R J Rollins** (Essex), **D Gough** (Yorkshire), **S J E Brown** (Durham), **P C R Tufnell** (Middlesex), **A R Caddick** (Somerset).

Batsmen (001-135)

C J Adams (001)	1597	(104)	0	(0)	1597	(104)
G F Archer (002)	735	(1)	0	(0)	735	(1)
M A Atherton (003)	963	(0)	1	(0)	963	(0)
C W J Athey (004)	1027	(80)	0	(0)	1027	(80)
M Azharuddtin (005)	439	(0)	0	(0)	439	(0)
R J Bailey (006)	533	(133)	2	(0)	673	(133)
N J Barnett (007)	1436	(41)	12	(1)	1676	(61)
M R Benson (008)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M G Bevan (009)	1225	(0)	4	(0)	1305	(0)
D J Bicknell (010)	840	(57)	16	(1)	1160	(77)
D A Blenkiron (011)	328	(26)	5	(1)	428	(46)
P D Bowler (012)	1208	(34)	3	(0)	1268	(34)
N E Briers (013)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Brown (014)	555	(0)	0	(0)	555	(0)
D Byas (015)	912	(56)	0	(0)	1061	(56)
S L Campbell (016)	1041	(35)	1	(1)	1061	(55)
J D Carr (017)	783	(0)	0	(0)	783	(0)
M J Church (018)	280	(0)	9	(0)	460	(0)
P A Cottey (019)	1468	(108)	4	(0)	1548	(108)
G R Cowdrey (020)	490	(0)	1	(0)	510	(0)
J P Crawley (021)	1029	(104)	0	(0)	1029	(104)
C D Crowe (022)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R J Cunliffe (023)	252	(0)	0	(0)	252	(0)
T S Curtis (024)	908	(30)	2	(0)	948	(30)
J A Daley (025)	409	(43)	0	(0)	409	(43)
A J Dalton (026)	37	(0)	0	(0)	37	(0)
R I Dawson (027)	156	(16)	1	(0)	156	(16)
M P Dowman (028)	396	(44)	2	(0)	396	(44)
N H Fairbrother (029)	864	(26)	0	(0)	864	(26)
A Flintoff (030)	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
A Fordham (031)	502	(0)	0	(0)	502	(0)
D P Fulton (032)	852	(23)	1	(0)	872	(23)
J E R Gallian (033)	1153	(114)	15	(0)	1453	(114)
M W Gatting (034)	870	(5)	0	(0)	870	(5)
N A Gee (035)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G A Gooch (036)	1749	(123)	3	(0)	1789	(123)
K Greenfield (037)	883	(73)	0	(0)	883	(73)
A Habib (038)	743	(0)	0	(0)	743	(0)
J W Hall (039)	330	(0)	0	(0)	330	(0)
T H C Hancock (040)	709	(0)	0	(0)	709	(0)
R J Harden (041)	582	(32)	1	(0)	602	(32)
M E Harvey (042)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A N Hayhurst (043)	224	(0)	1	(0)	244	(0)
G R Haynes (044)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D L Hemp (045)	277	(55)	4	(0)	357	(55)
G A Hick (046)	1232	(160)	5	(0)	1332	(160)
A J Hollioake (047)	1508	(136)	11	(0)	1728	(136)
N Hussain (048)	1254	(79)	0	(0)	1254	(79)
S Hutton (049)	707	(47)	0	(0)	707	(47)
Ijaz Ahmed (050)	684	(0)	0	(0)	684	(0)
Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)	782	(0)	0	(0)	782	(0)
S P James (052)	1676	(135)	0	(0)	1676	(135)
P Johnson (053)	864	(30)	0	(0)	864	(30)
D M Jones (054)	1354	(48)	9	(3)	1534	(48)
V Kambli (055)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M Keech (056)	793	(0)	0	(0)	793	(0)
W S Kendall (057)	920	(37)	0	(0)	920	(37)
G J Kennis (058)	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
W G Khan (059)	700	(9)	0	(0)	700	(9)
N V Knight (060)	1060	(95)	0	(0)	1060	(95)
J S Laney (061)	1041	(119)	0	(0)	1041	(119)
M N Lathwell (062)	1130	(0)	1	(0)	1150	(0)
S G Law (063)	1453	(92)	11	(4)	1573	(172)
D A Leatherdale (064)	539	(89)	11	(0)	759	(129)
N J Lenham (065)	821	(99)	3	(0)	881	(99)
J J B Lewis (066)	338	(0)	0	(0)	338	(0)
N J Liong (067)	755	(133)	11	(0)	1081	(87)
G D Lloyd (068)	1081	(87)	0	(0)	6	(0)
J I Longley (069)	6	(0)	0	(0)	814	(157)
M B Loye (070)	814	(157)	0	(0)	399	(142)
M A Lynch (071)	399	(142)	2	(0)	241	(0)
G I Macmillan (072)	241	(0)	4	(0)	1008	(82)
D L Maddy (073)	926	(82)	0	(0)	540	(0)
S V Manjrekar (074)	540	(0)	0	(0)	1479	(98)
M P Maynard (075)	1479	(98)	0	(0)	972	(63)
A McGrath (076)	972	(63)	0	(0)	771	(0)
A A Metcalfe (077)	771	(0)	0	(0)	933	(43)
A J Moles (078)	933	(43)	0	(0)	1041	(0)
R R Montgomerie (079)	1041	(0)	35	(13)	2067	(271)
T M Moody (080)	1507	(23)	0	(0)	1507	(23)
H Morris (081)	424	(1)	0	(0)	424	(1)
J E Morris (082)	195	(0)	0	(0)	195	(0)
R S M Morris (083)	904	(42)	0	(0)	904	(42)
M D Moxon (084)	234	(11)	1	(0)	254	(11)
K Newell (085)	625	(70)	0	(0)	863	(70)
T J G O'Gorman (086)	863	(0)	0	(0)	863	(0)
P J Pritchard (093)	907	(18)	0	(0)	907	(18)
M R Ramprakash (094)	1292	(136)	3	(0)	1352	(136)
J D Ratcliffe (095)	494	(0)	5	(0)	594	(0)
D D J Robinson (096)	738	(0)	0	(0)	738	(0)
P E Robinson (097)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R T Robinson (098)	1263	(50)	0	(0)	1263	(50)
A S Rollins (099)	1028	(32)	0	(0)	1028	(32)
M A Roseberry (100)	741	(27)	0	(0)	741	(27)
Saeed Anwar (101)	1224	(0)	0	(0)	1224	(0)
O A Shah (102)	203	(77)	1	(1)	223	(97)
N Shahid (103)	533	(103)	6	(3)	653	(163)
Salim Malik (104)	450	(0)	1	(0)	470	(0)
D J Sales (105)	280	(0)	0	(0)	280	(0)
N S Sidhu (106)	171	(0)	0	(0)	171	(0)
P V Simmons (107)	1102	(171)	54	(6)	2182	(291)
A Singh (108)	718	(0)	0	(0)	718	(0)
B F Smith (109)	1229	(70)	0	(0)	1229	(70)
R A Smith (110)	1204	(61)	0	(0)	1204	(61)
N J Speak (111)	579	(0)	0	(0)	579	(0)
M P Speight (112)	514	(0)	0	(0)	614	(0)
A J Stewart (113)	868	(12)	0	(0)	868	(12)
I J Sudbrite (114)	503	(0)	0	(0)	503	(0)
A Symonds (115)	1063	(17)	8	(1)	1243	(37)
N R Taylor (116)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Tendulkar (117)	707	(0)	1	(0)	727	(0)
V P Terry (118)	379	(0)	0	(0)	379	(0)
G P Thorpe (119)	1558	(87)	2	(0)	1588	(87)
S P Titchard (120)	891	(26)	0	(0)	891	(26)
M E Trescothick (121)	719	(71)	0	(0)	719	(71)
T A Tweats (122)	130	(0)	0	(0)	130	(0)
M P Vaughan (123)	978	(37)	15	(0)	1278	(37)
M J Walker (124)	595	(36)	0	(0)	595	(36)
T C Walton (125)	238	(52)	1	(0)	258	(52)
D M Ward (126)	81	(0)	0	(0)	81	(0)
T R Ward (127)	1169	(120)	2	(0)	1209	(120)
A P Wells (128)	1204	(168)	0	(0)	1204	(168)
R M S Weston (129)	29	(0)	0	(0)	29	(0)
W P C Weston (130)	1365	(117)	0	(0)	1365	(117)
G W White (131)	526	(72)	0	(0)	526	(72)
J J Whitaker (132)	1004	(3)	0	(0)	1004	(3)
P R Whitaker (133)	529	(71)	10	(0)	729	(71)
M G N Windows (134)	427	(6)	0	(0)	427	(6)
A J Wright (135)	415	(0)	0	(0)	415	(0)

All-rounders (150-203)

Aamir Sohail (150)	334	(0)	3	(0)	394	(0)
M W Alleyne (151)	864	(193)	51	(3)	1884	(253)
I D Austin (152)	437	(0)	22	(0)	877	(0)
P Bainbridge (153)	617	(0)	7	(0)	757	(0)
D R Brown (154)	632	(31)	40	(4)	1432	(111)
M A Butcher (155)	1602	(40)	7	(3)	1742	(100)
C L Cairns (156)	920	(9)	37	(6)	1660	(129)
D J Capel (157)	814	(0)	35	(0)	1514	(0)
D G Cork (158)	779	(52)	57	(0)	1919	(52)
R D B Croft (159)	642	(63)	73	(4)	2102	(143)
K M Curran (160)	1165	(93)	11	(0)	1385	(93)
A Dale (161)	667	(101)	7	(0)	807	(101)
P A J DeFreitas (162)	384	(23)	55	(6)	1484	(183)
V C Drakes (163)	647	(164)	47	(2)	1587	(204)
M A Ealham (164)	590	(96)	47	(4)	1530	(176)
S C Ecclestone (165)	334	(0)	0	(0)	334	(0)
K P Evans (166)	482	(0)	30	(0)	1082	(0)
M A Feltham (167)	14	(0)	4	(0)	94	(0)
M V Fleming (168)	834	(14)	18	(3)	1194	(74)
A P Grayson (169)	920	(45)	17	(1)	1260	(85)
D D Gibson (170)	449	(0)	20	(0)	849	(0)
F A Griffith (171)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
G L Hooper (172)	1281	(98)	26	(0)	1801	(98)
R C Irani (173)	1009	(43)	47	(2)	1949	(93)
A D Jadeja (174)	489	(0)	0	(0)	489	(0)
K D James (175)	738	(0)	30	(0)	1338	(0)
B P Julian (176)	879	(41)	60	(2)	1679	(81)
J H Kallis (177)	126	(0)	6	(0)	246	(0)
S R Lampitt (178)	629	(5)	52	(1)	1689	(25)
S Lee (179)	1174	(44)	38	(1)	1894	(94)
C C Lewis (180)	639	(37)	45	(2)	1539	(137)
G W Mike (181)	25	(0)	4	(0)	105	(0)
A C Morris (182)	189	(0)	4	(0)	289	(0)
Mushtaq Ahmed (183)	118	(0)	41	(0)	938	(0)
G D Rose (186)	406	(0)	50	(0)	1406	(0)
V S Solanki (189)	738	(67)	24	(1)	1218	(107)
A W Smith (190)	23	(0)	0	(0)	23	(0)
N M K Smith (191)	550	(0)	40	(0)	1350	(0)
P A Smith (192)	23	(0)	2	(0)	63	(0)
J N Snape (193)	277	(12)	23	(5)	737	(112)
J P Stephenson (194)	611	(26)	36	(7)	1331	(168)
C M Tolley (195)	295	(0)	14	(0)	575	(0)
Wasim Akram (196)	211	(0)	32	(0)	851	(0)
M Watkinson (197)	645	(85)	37	(1)	1385	(105)
G Welch (198)	208	(45)	33	(5)	866	(145)
C M Wells (199)	590	(0)	9	(0)	770	(0)
V J Wells (200)	1326	(28)	24	(5)	1806	(128)
P N Weekes (201)	1212	(331)	31	(9)	1832	(331)
C White (202)	883	(23)	36	(2)	1603	(63)
J R Wileman (203)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

Wicketkeepers (225-256)

A N Aymes (225)	734	(52)	41	(3)	1554	(92)
R J Blakey (226)	806	(15)	42	(5)	1646	(115)
R B Bream (227)	882	(67)	57	(3)	2032	(127)
M Burns (228)	260	(1)	17	(0)	600	(1)
S P Griffiths (229)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
W K Hegg (230)	999	(35)	53	(1)	1759	(55)
P C L Holloway (231)	535	(258)	6	(0)	655	(258)
G J Kersey (232)	402	(0)	46	(0)	1322	(0)
J A Knott (233)	52	(0)	3	(0)	112	(0)
K M Krikken (234)	853	(62)	63	(3)	2113	(122)
D G C Ligertwood (235)	367	(10)	33	(1)	1027	(30)
S A Marsh (236)	474	(56)	32	(2)	1114	(96)
C P Metson (237)	53	(3)	16	(0)	373	(0)
P Moores (238)	745	(17)	48	(3)	1705	(77)
N R Mongia (239)	364	(0)	14	(0)	844	(0)
P A Nixon (240)	878	(103)	59	(6)	2058	(223)
W M Noon (241)	307	(10)	30	(1)	907	(30)
K J Piper (242)	394	(48)	27	(4)	924	(126)
Rashid Latif (243)	232	(0)	21	(0)	652	(0)
S J Rhodes (244)	933	(12)	47	(6)	1873	(132)
D Ripley (245)	448	(0)	23	(0)	908	(0)
R J Rollins (246)	673	(96)	61	(0)	1893	(96)
R C Russell (247)	850	(79)	46	(1)	1770	(99)
N F Sargeant (248)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C W Scott (249)	208	(0)	20	(0)	608	(0)
A D Shaw (250)	277	(93)	29	(3)	857	(153)
R J Turner (251)	641	(75)	54	(3)	1921	(135)
L N Walker (252)	93	(0)	18	(0)	453	(0)
R J Warren (253)	486	(31)	20	(2)	886	(71)
P Whitticase (254)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R C J Williams (255)	133	(0)	13	(0)	393	(0)
S C Willis (256)	141	(0)	11	(0)	361	(0)

Bowlers (275-404)

P R Adams (275)	63	(0)	10	(0)	263	(0)
J A Afford (276)	34	(0)	51	(2)	1054	(40)
U Afzaal (277)	178	(0)	2	(0)	218	(0)
P Aldred (278)	50	(0)	8	(0)	210	(0)
C E L Ambrose (279)	116	(0)	43	(0)	976	(0)
S J W Andrew (280)	60	(4)	15	(1)	360	(24)
Aqib Javed (281)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M C J Ball (282)	216	(51)	13	(0)	476	(51)
S R Barwick (283)	34	(0)	5	(0)	134	(0)
S J Base (284)	1	(0)	1	(0)	21	(0)
R T Bailos (285)	229	(19)	21	(1)	849	(39)
J D Batty (286)	321	(0)	32	(0)	961	(0)
M A V Bell (287)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Benjamin (288)	129	(7)	36	(3)	849	(67)
W K M Benjamin (289)	140	(0)	6	(0)	280	(0)
M M Betts (290)	250	(8)	40	(2)	1050	(48)
M P Bicknell (291)	308	(58)	63	(2)	1568	(99)
S D Birbeck (292)	8	(0)	4	(0)	88	(0)
D J P Boden (293)	1	(0)	1	(0)	21	(0)
J Boiling (294)	79	(0)	8	(0)	259	(0)
J N B Bovill (295)	131	(0)	33	(1)	771	(20)
M T Brimson (296)	51	(0)	35	(0)	751	(0)
J E Brinkley (297)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J E Brown (298)	357	(28)	76	(1)	1877	(46)
A R Caddick (299)	188	(28)	63	(2)	1443	(65)
R J Chapman (300)	0	(0)	6	(0)	120	(0)
K E Cooper (305)	5	(0)	5	(0)	105	(0)
D M Cousins (306)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A P Cowan (307)	177	(55)	38	(2)	937	(95)
D M Cox (308)	321	(0)	24	(0)	801	(0)
R P Davis (309)	302	(23)	23	(0)	762	(23)
J M De La Pena (310)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N A Derbyshire (311)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)
R R Dibden (312)	1	(0)	2	(0)	41	(0)
M Dimond (313)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A D Edwards (314)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S W K Ellis (315)	63	(3)	14	(0)	343	(0)
S Elworthy (316)	288	(0)	28	(0)	848	(0)
A R C Fraser (317)	228	(4)	47	(1)	1169	(24)
E S H Giddins (318)	0	(0)	48	(0)	1015	(0)
A F Giles (319)	494	(78)	91	(1)	1894	(156)
D Gough (320)	483	(4)	62	(0)	1723	(184)
R J Green (321)	91	(30)	18	(4)	451	(110)
J C Hallett (322)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G M Hamilton (323)	71	(0)	7	(0)	211	(0)
A J Hams (324)	101	(5)	49	(5)	1081	(105)
P J Hartley (325)	476	(14)	54	(2)	1556	(54)
D W Headley (326)	252	(1)	47	(5)	1192	(101)
J E Hindson (327)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J G Hughes (328)	22	(0)	3	(2)	82	(48)
A P Igglesden (329)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R K Illingworth (330)	381	(44)	49	(1)	1361	(84)
M C Ilott (331)	308	(18)	49	(0)	1288	(18)
P W Jarvis (332)	164	(0)	19	(0)	544	(0)
R L Johnson (333)	200	(2)	23	(3)	680	(52)
G Keedy (334)	72	(0)	21	(0)	492	(0)
N M Kendrick (335)	35	(0)	17	(0)	375	(0)
S G Kerslook (336)	5	(0)	0	(0)	5	(0)
J I D Kerr (337)	176	(33)	11	(2)	396	(72)
A A Khan (338)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N Killeen (339)	40	(0)	12	(0)	280	(0)
R J Kirtley (340)	19	(1)	25	(4)	519	(61)
A Kumble (341)	112	(0)	13	(0)	372	(0)
R P Lefebvre (342)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Lewis (343)	119	(0)	18	(0)	479	(0)
J D Lewry (344)	136	(0)	41	(0)	958	(0)
M J McCague (345)	323	(9)	73	(7)	1783	(149)
D E Malcolm (346)	118	(17)	78	(2)	1678	(57)
N A Mallender (347)	31	(0)	1	(0)	51	(0)
P J Martin (348)	278	(28)	44	(3)	1158	(80)
R S C Martin-Jenkins (349)	20	(0)	1	(0)	40	(0)
R J Maru (350)	303	(11)	16	(1)	923	(31)
S M Milburn (352)	180	(0)	17	(0)	520	(0)
D J Millns (353)	384	(0)	68	(2)	1704	(40)
A D Mullally (354)	174	(0)	63	(6)	1434	(120)
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BASEBALL

Rockies are routed as Nomo hits new peak

BY KEITH BLACKMORE

NOMOMANIA, the baseball phenomenon that has periodically swept the United States and Japan since 1994, reappeared at hurricane force in Colorado this week. There, at Coors Field stadium in Denver, Hideo Nomo, the Japanese pitcher who has become a superstar in the American Major Leagues, pitched a no-hitter as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Colorado Rockies 9-0.

Nomo, 28, left the Kintetsu Buffaloes in the Japanese Pacific League three years ago to try his luck in Los Angeles and has never looked back. Last season he was voted rookie of the year (his years of service in the highly competitive but inferior Japanese leagues being overlooked), and this year he has helped to carry the Dodgers to the leadership of the National League West.

The no-hitter — a complete game in which no batter reaches base on a hit — is a rarity: this was only the third this season. It was Nomo's first and was followed eagerly by his fans in Japan, where his games are always shown live. "He doesn't talk much, but I think he's a good ambassador. I think Japanese are proud to see him doing so well," Masami Hase, a 37-year-old office worker who watched the game on a giant television screen in a shopping mall in Ginza, said.

Perversely, two of the no-hitters this season have come against the Rockies, the most powerful hitting team in the National League. This was the first to be thrown in Coors Field, which since opening two years ago has become known as a hitter's paradise, partly, it is claimed, because of the thin air in Denver. It was the 23rd no-hitter in Dodgers history and the tenth since the team moved from Brooklyn to LA in 1958.

The Cleveland Indians, losers in the World Series last year, are the first team to qualify for the play-offs this season. Their victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday made them champions of the American League Central for the second year running.

RUGBY UNION: DALY COMES NORTH TO JOIN GROWING BAND OF FOREIGN IMPORTS

Prestige of grand-slam tour sought by Australia

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

YOU have to admire Australian persistence. If they do not get their grand-slam tour to Great Britain and Ireland this autumn, it will not be for want of trying. Yesterday they took a third bite at the touring cherry and offered yet another combination of dates on which they might play England at Twickenham, and thus meet all four home unions.

If, however, they have received no positive response from the four home unions tours committee within a week, they will not try again. "It's the prestige of a grand-slam tour, that's why we're so eager to play England," Greg Thomas, the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) spokesman, said. "It's something the players can remember for always. We're still confident of organising suitable dates but it's now up to the home unions to decide."



Jones: Harlequins link

The fact that Australia would share in an occasion when a capacity crowd would produce gate receipts of around £2 million has been played down as a motive for the fixture — nor would it necessarily matter to them that on both proposed dates Heineken Cup matches are due to be staged, the second of them the competition's semi-finals, in which English clubs would hope to be involved.

That alone would affect the readiness of the clubs to give up their players to a further international weekend. The possibility of Australia playing an England XV drawn from outside the first and second-division clubs, if the rift between the Rugby Football Union and the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs is maintained, may not have been contemplated.

The latest suggestion is an international on November 2 or November 16, with the match already scheduled for those days (Combined Scottish Districts in Glasgow or Ulster at Ravenhill respectively) moving to December 4, a vacant midweek date between the international with Wales and the gala date against the Barbarians. "Surely there is no reason for anyone to knock us back this time," John O'Neill, the ARU chief executive, said, with an optimism that is less than justified.

Meanwhile, two international prop forwards are set to swap countries: Tony Daly, the last of whose 41 caps for Australia came during the 1995 World Cup, will play for Saracens' second XV this weekend to begin a two-year contract with the north London club. Earlier this year, in the Super 12 tournament, Daly was playing for Queensland, which is where Peter Clohessy, the Ireland tighthead prop, is headed.

Clohessy, who is under suspension until November after a stamping incident during Ireland's game with France last February, has been in touch with John Connolly, the Queensland coach, and has agreed a five-month contract beginning early next year. "I feel it will do me good to start again in a new environment," Clohessy, from Young Munster, said.



Clohessy, the Ireland prop, intends to make a fresh start with Queensland next year

Because he also holds an Irish passport, Daly is able to play immediately for Saracens, a situation that would not apply to the two outstanding New Zealand players linked with Harlequins, Zinzan Brooke and Michael Jones. As matters stand, both would be required to serve a 180-day residential qualification before playing in domestic competitions, and neither has indicated that their international days are behind them.

"We are speaking to many players but there is no contract on the table," Richard Best, the Harlequins director of rugby, said. English clubs with money available — which includes both Harlequins and Saracens — have been bombarded with requests for places from southern-hemisphere players.

There is no doubt that both Brooke — whose brother, Robin, has also been linked with English clubs — and Jones would be tremendous drawcards, but both are back-row forwards and clubs must make acute judgements about the balance between international stars and home-grown talent. Harlequins have already nine back-row players in their contracted squad, including the France flanker, Laurent Cabannes, and the ambitious England A player, Rory Jenkins.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Kent bid farewell to two stalwarts

KENT have decided to release Mark Benson, the former captain, and Alan Igglesden, the former England fast bowler. Both players have one year remaining on their contracts but neither has played first-class cricket this season because of injury. Benson, 38, made his debut in 1980 and played 292 first-class matches, scoring more than 18,000 runs. He was appointed captain in 1991 but resigned recently and faces another knee operation next month after sustaining an injury playing football in pre-season training.

Igglesden, 32 next month, has played only seven first-class matches and 13 one-day games in the past two years, missing the start of this season due to a lower-back problem, followed by further injury and illness.

☐ Durham have left Darren Blenkiron, the 22-year-old left-handed batsman, out of their side for the championship match at Derby today for disciplinary reasons. He is alleged to have been involved in an incident in which a club car suffered damage. The club has promised a statement today after an internal inquiry.

Robertson disciplined

BADMINTON: Nathan Robertson has been dropped from the England squad travelling to two international events in October for allegedly breaching tough new rules on drinking, imposed by the coach, Steve Baddeley. Robertson, 19, who was this week included in the England party to meet China in November, is alleged to have been observed by Baddeley drinking alcohol at a party during a tournament in Perth at the weekend. The Nottingham-based player has been dropped from the England squads entered for the Dutch Open and the Russian Open, although he will still attend their training sessions.

Amateur team named

GOLF: Barclay Howard and Gary Wolstenholme, the Walker Cup players, along with Michael Brooks, the Scottish champion, and the talented Irish golfer, Keith Nolan, will represent Great Britain and Ireland in the World Amateur team championship for the Eisenhower Trophy in the Philippines in November. The team will acclimatise by playing first in the Hong Kong Amateur championship, before travelling to Manila.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND: M Brooks (Carlisle), B Howard (Cochrane Castle), K Nolan (Bray), G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton). Non-playing captain: C T Brown Reserves: J Fanagan (Milltown), W Bladon (Kenilworth).

Dailey to step down

CYCLING: Doug Dailey, the national coach for the past ten years, said yesterday that he will not be seeking the renewal of his contract, which ends on October 31. His last significant job for the British Cycling Federation will be the selection of the men's and women's teams for the two world championships in Lugano next month, the road race and time-trial. "Ten years in the hot seat is enough for anyone," Dailey said. "It's the right time now to make way for someone to bring a new and fresher approach."

Bray surges into final

REAL TENNIS: Chris Bray, the Petworth professional, showed outstanding form to beat Jonathan Howell, the professional at Oratory School, in the semi-final of the European Open singles championships at Fontainebleau. Bray dropped just one game in the opening two sets, hitting 18 winning forces to the declans. He also led 3-1 in the third set, only for the durable Howell to fight back strongly and take it 6-4. From 5-5 in the fourth, Bray raised his game once again, producing two spectacular winners to seal the match.

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BOWLS

Yorkshire able to mix and match

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

ONE of the most interesting developments in bowls over the past few years has been the creation of mixed tournaments, which challenge the lingering notion that the game should be played on a strictly segregated basis.

Bowls enjoyed a boom in the Edwardian era, and much of the chauvinism detectable in the game today can be traced to those days when men's clubs — of all kinds — were all the rage.

These days, however, husbands and wives tend to take up bowls together, and are looking for a competitive pastime that they can both enjoy.

Although the final stages of the All-England mixed fours championship at Blaby, Leicestershire, were littered with numerous husband-and-wife partnerships, many leading players entered the event, which was won yesterday by a strong club quartet from Nafferton in Yorkshire, skipped by Nigel Brignall, the England junior international.

Jean Drury, June Hartley and Mark Walton helped Brignall to chalk up an easy 26-11 win over an Essex quartet skipped by Jim Wilson, a retired stenographer, in the semi-finals, before the Nafferton team came back from 8-3 down to beat Sue Lee, Hazel Sadler, Marty Long and Bryan Sadler, of North Walsham, Norfolk, 20-11, in the final.

Brignall's team dug in after their unpromising start, and had levelled the scores at 11-11 by the sixteenth, after which they scored the last nine shots in four ends, and North Walsham threw in the towel with one end still left to play.

Sadler's team had finished strongly in their semi-final, scoring the last seven shots to beat a Devon side skipped by John Evans, the former Torquay United footballer, 24-21.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Yorkshire (J Drury, J Hartley, M Walton, N Brignall) bt Essex (J Wyburn, J Coston, J Donnolly, J Wilson) 26-11; Norfolk (S Lee, H Sadler, M Long, B Sadler) bt Devon (T Northall, C Northall, R Johnson, J Evans) 24-21. Final: Yorkshire bt Norfolk 20-11

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.15 (5f 6yd) 1, Clara Bliss (M Tebbutt, 3-1); 2, Danehill Prince (12-1), 3, Ellens Lad (7-1). Last Chance. 7-4 fav. 10 ran. Nk, hd, B Meehan. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £3.00, £1.80. DF: £25.70. Trio: £109.10. CSF: £37.95

2.50 (7f 16yd) 1, Rousham (J Tate, 15-8 fav); 2, Dhuna Quest (5-2); 3, Lucky Archer (11-4). 7 ran. NR: Xenophon Of Curacao. ¾l, 3l, S Williams. Tote: £3.50; £1.90, £2.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.94.

3.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Superior Force (S Sanders, 12-1); 2, No Cliches (7-1); 3, Witherkay (11-1). Dummer Golf Time 3-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. Hd, 3½l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £15.10; £3.60, £2.80, £2.80. DF: £36.40. Trio: £133.20. CSF: £88.70. Tricast: £901.38.

3.55 (7f 16yd) 1, Sleepytime (Pat Eddery, 30-100 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Tough Act (33-1); 3, Fatal Baraan (8-1). 15 ran. NR: Never Golf Glory. 5l, ¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £5.50, £2.00. DF: £12.10. Trio: £43.30. CSF: £17.15.

4.25 (5f 6yd) 1, Polish Warrior (J Reid, 7-2 fav); 2, Hangover Square (10-1); 3, Anokato (9-1). 12 ran. Hd, 3l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £3.70, £4.20. DF: £18.00. Trio: £57.90. CSF: £37.44. Tricast: £264.57.

5.00 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Congo Man (J Reid, 11-4); 2, Torremolinos (6-5 fav), 3, Enriched (11-4). 5 ran. 1½l, hd. M Stoute. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £8.22.

5.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Cuban Reel (J Dennis, 6-1); 2, Rock The Barney (12-1); 3, Wet Patch (16-1). 4, Lucy Tufty (33-1). Gold Desire 11-2 jt-fav. 17 ran. Sh hd, ½l. W Musson. Tote: £7.90; £1.80, £2.60, £2.40, £10.40. DF: £78.20. Trio: £237.00. CSF: £79.21. Tricast: £1,051.66.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,910.01 carried forward to Ayr today).

Placepot: £152.70. Quadpot: £23.00.

Yarmouth

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, El Bandador (M Hills, 12-1); 2, Rol De La Mer (9-2); 3, Blaze Of Oak (14-1). Shabanaz 13-8 fav. 18 ran. 2½l, ½l. W Jarvis. Tote: £13.70; £2.70, £2.70, £4.00. DF: £38.10. Trio: £197.50. CSF: £63.57. Bought in 5,250gns.

2.30 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Secret Ally (M Roberts, 14-1); 2, Rory (8-1); 3, Opulent (33-1). 4, Al Shadeedah (9-1). King's Academy 100-30 fav. 16 ran. ½l, nk. C Brittain. Tote: £15.70; £3.00, £3.20, £12.70, £3.00. DF: £51.40. Trio: not won (pool of £765.28 carried forward to 3.10 at Ayr today). CSF: £112.72. Tricast: £3,284.07.

3.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Russian Revival (L Dettori, 7-4); 2, Sergayev (1-2 fav), 2 ran. Sl Saeed bin Suroor. Tote: £2.00.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, Don Peppo (A Daly, 8-1); 2, Eurobor Boy (8-1); 3, Johnnie The Joker (16-1); 4, Irrepressible (14-1). Ivor's Deed 9-2 fav. 16 ran. 1¼l, hd. R Boss. Tote: £9.20; £2.60, £3.00, £2.90, £4.30. DF: £31.60. Trio: £368.60. CSF: £66.49. Tricast: £932.95. After a stewards' inquiry, Ertion, who finished first, was disqualified and placed last.

4.05 (6f 3yd) 1, The Faraway Tree (M Hills, 100-30 fav), 2, Our Way (12-1); 3, Thahabyah (7-2). 12 ran. 2l, 1¼l. G Wragg. Tote: £4.90; £1.70, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £23.40. Trio: £38.00. CSF: £43.08.

4.35 (7f 3yd) 1, Harry Wolton (W Ryan, 5-4 fav); 2, Chivalric (4-1); 3, Superbelle (40-1). 17 ran. 1¼l, 3½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.70, £13.40. DF: £4.00. Trio: £284.80 (part won, pool of £52.16 carried forward to 3.10 at Ayr today). CSF: £8.68.

5.10 (1m 3yd) 1, Sue's Return (R Hughes, 9-2 fav), 2, Missile Toe (7-1), 3, Talathath (14-1). 13 ran. Hd, 1¼l. A Jarvis. Tote: £6.20; £2.40, £2.60, £3.30. DF: £31.30. Trio: £315.80. CSF: £35.59. Tricast: £303.78.

Placepot: £483.90. Quadpot: £23.40.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Scamots (K Darley, 11-1); 2, Jingold (9-4 fav); 3, Soviet Lady (13-2). 4, Sheraton Girl (11-1). 17 ran. Nk, 3½l. S Williams. Tote: £14.90; £3.10, £7.30, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £26.90. Trio: £47.60. CSF: £40.78. Tricast: £190.37. No bid.

2.40 (7f 100yd) 1, White Hot (K Darley, 7-1); 2, Rare Of Fortune (11-10 fav); 3, Globetrotter (20-1). 12 ran. ½l, 1½l. E Dunlop. Tote: £7.80; £2.00, £1.10, £5.40. DF: £7.10. Trio: £82.30. CSF: £17.14.

3.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Lyrical Bid (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Flourishing Way (4-5 fav); 3, Perfect Poppy (10-1). 5 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. D Loder. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.88.

3.45 (1m 100yd) 1, Thatched (K Shed, 9-1), 2, Maradata (16-1); 3, Foist (8-1). 4, Murphy's Gold (11-1). Society Girl 4-1 fav. 19 ran. Hd, shd. R Barr. Tote: £13.40; £2.50, £5.50, £1.80, £3.90. DF: £182.70. Trio: not won (pool of £1,126.72 carried forward to 3.10 at Ayr today). CSF: £153.87. Tricast: £1,164.49.

4.15 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Campaspe (F Lynch, 10-1), 2, Lepalma (8-1); 3, Road Racer (12-1). South Sea Bubble 7-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Merroo Who. 5l, 1¼l. J Fitzgerald. Tote: £9.90; £1.80, £3.40, £6.40. DF: £49.40. Trio: £884.30 (part won; pool of £574.70 carried forward to 3.10 at Ayr today). CSF: £96.73. Tricast: £936.02.

4.50 (5f) 1, Jinad (K Darley, 1-3 fav); 2, Archello (33-1); 3, Bishops Court (14-1). 15 ran. NR: Marylebone. 4l, ½l. D Loder. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £20.60, £3.00. DF: £93.80. Trio: £283.60. CSF: £27.32.

5.20 (5f) 1, Manolo (J Carroll, 5-2); 2, Foreign Relation (5-1); 3, Gad Yakoun, (25-1). Present Imperfect 11-8 fav. 14 ran. NR: Daisy Bates 2l, 1¼l. J Berry. Tote: £3.80; £1.40, £2.00, £11.30. DF: £25.00. Trio: £441.70 (part won, pool of £348.43 carried forward to 3.10 at Ayr today). CSF: £16.78.

Placepot: £85.80. Quadpot: £70.00.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 2.10 Jive Boogie Lingfield Park: 2.20 Face It, Life's A Roar. 4.50 Amber Fort. Yarmouth: 3.00 Masrut.

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RACING: CECIL-TRAINED FILLY EARNS 6-1 GUINEAS QUOTE

Sleepytime's fine debut inspires classic dreams

By Julian Muscat

HENRY CECIL already laden with an embarrassment of riches with his juvenile fillies, introduced possibly the best of the lot at Sandown yesterday when Sleepytime dazzled in winning the EBF 'Grass Widows' Maiden Stakes.

Sleepytime came into the race a 12-1 shot for next year's 1,000 Guineas. She emerged from it at half the price with Coral after a five-length dismissal of Tough Act that bore no resemblance to her superiority. Pat Eddery spent the last furlong checking for non-existent dangers as the filly — a strongly-made daughter of *Royal Academy* — devoured the ground with her powerful stride.

Cecil was unable to contain his enthusiasm for his latest protégé, who started at 100-30 on. "She's got a very good turn of foot," the trainer said. "She has worked with other good ones at home and goes well. I do like her very much — she is potentially among the best." Rarely does one find Cecil in such positive demeanour after winning a humble maiden, but he went further. "We will have to consider the Fillies' Mile at Ascot," he said. "If she goes the right way, we could see a lot more of her."

Sleepytime will have to be exceptional to prove the best filly stabled at Warren Place. Reams Of Verse looked desirable enough after winning the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster last week: she may clash with her stablemate at Ascot. And Cecil introduced another name into the equation when he said of Fleet River, an easy winner at Goodwood last month: "She has ability but would need soft ground to be on a par with Reams Of Verse."

The only point of contention surrounding Sleepytime is that her full-brother, Ali-Royal, is more effective at seven furlongs than a mile. This was a slowly-run maiden, but any doubts about her stamina will be settled at Ascot. One thing is certain: those who accepted short odds about Dazzle for next year's fillies' classic will not sleep easily after this.

On the colts' front, Brian Meehan has targeted the Middle Park Stakes for Easycall, an impressive winner of the Flying Childers Stakes over five furlongs at Doncaster last week. "He is in the Gold Trophy at Redcar," the trainer said, "but he deserves to go in against the best. It will cost £12,000 to supplement him but we are not worried about the extra furlong."

Easycall finished more than four lengths adrift of Compton Place at York last month but handsomely turned the tables last week, prevailing by 1½ lengths from the same opponent in the hands of Michael Tebbutt. "York was a hiccup and Michael will now keep the ride in the Middle Park," Meehan said. He added that Royal Amaretto, winner of a Chepstow maiden last week, was in line for the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury next month.

Michael Roberts, off the track since fracturing a wrist eight weeks ago, made a winning return at Yarmouth yesterday when landing the Golden Jubilee Challenge Trophy Handicap on the Clive Britain-trained Secret Aly.

Roberts, who rode out for the first time since his accident only on Tuesday, said: "I didn't really dream of coming back with a winner but this horse has quite a lot of ability."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CAUTION (5.10 Ayr)
NB: Cumbrian Maestro (4.40 Ayr)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Sleepytime is eased down by Eddery after making a winning first appearance at Sandown yesterday

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THUNDERER

2.10 Rivonia
2.40 Brave Montgomerie
3.10 Pageboy
3.40 Conspiracy
4.10 ETTERBY PARK (nap)
4.40 Stormless
5.10 Test The Water

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 6-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J at jumps. F at flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
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DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 MOTHERWELL BRIDGE SUPPORT MACMILLAN NURSES SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,948: 5f) (16 runners)

101	(14)	5256	IMPULSION 42 (BF) (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 8-11	J Reid	88
102	(10)		JIVE BOOGIE (B) (E Daley) N Bycroft 8-11	J Bramhill (7)	–
103	(12)	444015	LITTLE BLUE 5 (F) (Ryedale Racers) T Easterby 8-11	M Birch	81
104	(4)	503	MR FORTYWINKS 22 (Miss N Cassidy) J Eyre 8-11	F Lynch (3)	84
105	(7)	024413	NIGHTINGALE SONG 31 (G) (S Bayless) M Meade 8-11	D Sweeney (7)	96
106	(8)		PUPIL MASTER (T Gosling) Denys Smith 8-11	L Charnock	–
107	(9)	123403	ROBBEC GIRL 24 (D,BF,S) (Highgrove Ltd) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	88
108	(11)		STAKIS CASINOS LAD (Stakis Casinos) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	–
109	(6)	466600	CANTSAYNOWT 24 (W Graham) R McKellar 8-6	K Sked (7)	80
110	(15)	56	GOLD EDGE 10 (M Channon) M Channon 8-6	K Darley	95
111	(1)	0	LA DOLCE VITA 13 (J Fog) T Barron 8-5	J Fortune	–
112	(2)	030642	MELBOURNE PRINCESS 21 (D Bardsley) R Whitaker 8-5	A Culhane	95
113	(3)	60	MISS FUGIT PENANCE 13 (D Sangster) P Evans 8-5	J F Egan	–
114	(13)	43540	RIVONIA 35 (BF) (B Hathaway) Mrs J Ramsden 8-5	K Fallon	91
115	(5)	64000	SHOTLEY PRINCESS 10 (J Swinburne) N Bycroft 8-5	T Williams	–
116	(16)		WALTZ TIME (T Finch) Miss L Perratt 8-5	G Carter	–

BETTING: 7-2 Little Blue, 5-1 Rivonia, Nightingale Song, 6-1 Stakis Casinos Lad, 8-1 Mr Fortywinks, 9-1 Impulsion, 10-1 Melbourne Princess, 12-1 others.

1995: SWYNFORD DREAM 8-11 J Lowe (9-1) J Bottomley 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

IMPULSION 6¼l 5th of 7 to Aylesgard in maiden at Chester (5f, good to firm). NIGHTINGALE SONG 7¼l 3rd of 7 to Kalasi Tacha in nursery at Windsor (6f, good to firm). ROBBEC GIRL 8l 3rd of 5 to Keen To Please in claimer at Newcastle (5f, good). GOLD EDGE 5¼l 6th of 12 to Loving And Giving in maiden at Bath (5f, good to firm). MELBOURNE PRINCESS 9l 2nd of 8 to Lunar Music in seller at Musselburgh (5f, good to firm). Selection: NIGHTINGALE SONG

2.40 HOLIDAY IN AYRSHIRE & ARRAN EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,581: 7f) (7 runners) C4

201	(3)		AS-IS (R Robinson) M Johnston 9-0	K Darley	–
202	(4)	23	BRAVE MONTGOMERIE 77 (C McLaren) Miss L Perratt 9-0	J Carroll	92
203	(5)	3224	CANADIAN FANTASY 47 (BF) (J Clapet Assocs) M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	88
204	(2)	2	JACKSON FALLS 68 (C Stevens) T Easterby 9-0	M Birch	97
205	(1)		SWIFTWAY (A White) K Hogg 9-0	S D Williams	–
206	(7)	4360	CHANSON D'AMOUR 21 (Globe Bar Syndi) Miss L Perratt 8-9	D Wright (3)	83
207	(6)		MYSTIQUE AIR (T Scothern) E Weymes 8-9	L Charnock	–

BETTING: 11-10 Jackson Falls, 4-1 Canadian Fantasy, 5-1 As-Is, 8-1 Chanson d'Amour, 12-1 Brave Montgomerie, Mystique Air, 14-1 Swiftway.

1995: JO MELL 9-0 M Birch (9-2) M H Easterby 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE MONTGOMERIE 7l 3rd to Brave Act in maiden over course and distance (7f, good to soft). CANADIAN FANTASY 1¾l 2nd to The Lamston Worm in maiden here (6f, good to firm). JACKSON FALLS head 2nd of 8 to Pun in maiden auction at York (6f, good). MYSTIQUE AIR By Mujadil, half-sister to useful miler Lauries Warrior. No selection

3.10 LADBROKE SPRINT HANDICAP (£7,096: 5f) (22 runners) C4

301	(12)	002035	INSIDER TRADER 6 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-12	K Fallon	95
302	(7)	162416	PANTHER 6 (V,D,F,G,S) (Trebic Chance) P Evans 8-9-7	J F Egan	95
303	(2)	422260	GORETSKI 24 (D,F,G) (P Savill) N Tinkler 3-9-4	K Darley	88
304	(20)	064550	MISS BIGWIG 10 (D,F,S) (Bigwigs Ests) J Berry 3-9-2	P Fessey (5)	90
305	(10)	543000	MYTTONS MISTAKE 19 (C,D,F) (G Mytton) A Balley 3-9-2	D Wright (3)	92
306	(17)	012401	PAGEBOY 12 (D,F,G) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 7-9-0	J Fortune	98
307	(18)	011431	NATURAL KEY 17 (D,F,G) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 3-9-0	A Mackay	89
308	(6)	053410	JUST DISSIDENT 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Hedgeley) R Whitaker 4-8-11	F Lynch (3)	88
309	(11)	451060	RICH GLOW 12 (CD,F,S) (M Rawson) N Bycroft 5-8-10	J Weaver	94
310	(14)	600018	GRAND CHAPEAU 6 (D,F,G) (V Greaves) D Nicholls 4-8-10	Alex Greaves	94
311	(5)	000052	JOHAYRO 21 (B,D,F) (D Barron) J Goldie 3-8-9	G Lee (5)	94
312	(9)	015314	PHARAOH'S JOY 14 (D,BF,F) (Pyramid Racing) J Payne 3-8-8	J Reid	93
313	(1)	050055	RAMSEY HOPE 12 (F) (C Barker-Lomax) C Fairhurst 3-8-8	L Charnock	98
314	(3)	553220	SIX FOR LUCK 21 (D,F) (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) D Nolan 4-8-7	G Duffield	92
315	(6)	622123	KALAR 21 (B,D,BF,F,G) (J Chapman) D Chapman 7-8-5	J Carroll	93
316	(22)	000500	STEPHENSONS ROCKET 3 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-8-5	M Birch	84
317	(15)	523420	ABLE SHERIFF 19 (B,D,F) (E Morning Breakfast) M W Easterby 4-8 5	D Gibson	98
318	(16)	003005	AMRON 19 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Peebles) J Berry 5-8-4	G Carter	89
319	(13)	020136	LEADING PRINCESS 21 (B,CD,F,G) Miss L Perratt 5-8-1	J Bramhill (7)	94
320	(21)	134004	CAMDONNEUR 3 (B,F) (T F Freight) T Easterby 3-7-11	J Lowe	93
321	(4)	403200	PALLIUM 21J (D,F,G) (D Tuckwell) Mrs A Naughton 8-7-10	T Williams	91
322	(19)	415004	SUNDAY MAIL TOO 17 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 4-7-10	N Kennedy	84

Long handicap: Sunday Mail Too 7-9.

BETTING: 6-1 Insider Trader, 7-1 Panther, 8-1 Natural Key, 9-1 Pageboy, 10-1 Just Dissident, 12-1 Pharaoh's Joy, Grand Chapeau, 14-1 others.

1995: PORTELET 3-9-5 L Charnock (14-1) R Guest 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

PANTHER beat Swyngford Dream 1½l in 15-runner handicap at Chester (5f, good to soft) with INSIDER TRADER (3lb better off) head 3rd, MYTTONS MISTAKE (5lb better off) head 4th and ABLE SHERIFF (4lb better off) 5l 13th. NATURAL KEY beat Bowders Boy head in an 8-runner handicap at Hamilton (6f, good). JUST DISSIDENT beat Brecongill Lad 1½l in 14-runner handicap at Carlisle (5f, good) with RICH GLOW (7lb better off) 2l 6th. GRAND CHAPEAU beat Kira 3½l in 17-runner handicap at Pontefract (6f, good) with PAGEBOY (7lb better off) 4½l 7th. JOHAYRO short-head 2nd of 14 to Nearly-Five in apprentices handicap at Musselburgh (5f, good to firm) with KALAR (1lb worse off) head 3rd, LEADING PRINCESS (2lb better off) 1¾l 6th and SIX FOR LUCK (2lb better off) 3l 9th. ABLE SHERIFF 1½l 2nd of 10 to Brecongill Lad in a handicap at Beverley (5f, good to firm) with JUST DISSIDENT (2lb worse off) 1¾l 3rd and RICH GLOW (8lb better off) 5¾l 6th.

Selection: JOHAYRO

3.40 TIMEFORM HARRY ROSEBERY TROPHY (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,681: 5f) (9 runners) C4

401	(9)	514511	FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Blum) J Berry 9-2	G Carter	98
402	(8)	113124	BOLD AFRICAN 15 (B,D,F) (D Maloney) P Evans 8-11	J F Egan	89
403	(6)	211046	OSOMENTAL 5 (B,CD,F,G) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 8-11	A Mackay	95
404	(3)	12286	SUPERIOR PREMIUM 68 (D,S) (J Parsons) R Fahey 8-11	A Culhane	84
405	(1)	223148	THE LAMSTON WORM 24 (C,F) (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 8-11	K Fallon	79
406	(2)	2132	CONSPIRACY 24 (D,BF,F) (Lord Chelsea) J Dunlop 8-6	K Darley	89
407	(7)	1	JOZA 31 (D,F) (F Salman) H Candy 8-6	C Rutter	93
408	(4)	612121	PERPETUAL 15 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 8-6	G Duffield	89
409	(5)	0214	SNAP CRACKLE POP 38 (D,F) (J Short) R Johnson Houghton 8-6	J Reid	90

BETTING: 3-1 For Old Times Sake, 7-2 Joza, 5-1 Perpetual, 6-1 Conspiracy, 7-1 Bold African, 8-1 Osomental, 10-1 Superior Premium, 12-1 others.

1995: WESTCOURT MAGIC 8-11 M J Kinane (2-1 fav) M W Easterby 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOR OLD TIMES SAKE beat BOLD AFRICAN (3lb worse off) 1¾l in 6-runner conditions race at Ripon (5f, good to firm). OSOMENTAL 7l 6th of 8 to Magical Times in conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). THE LAMSTON WORM 5¼l 4th of 8 to Indian Rocket in conditions race at Haydock (6f, good to firm). JOZA beat Dark Mile 4½l in 13-runner maiden at Windsor (5f, good to firm). PERPETUAL beat Bold Oriental 1¼l in 11-runner nursery at Brighton (5f, 99yd, firm) with BOLD AFRICAN (4lb better off) neck and 1l 4th. SNAP CRACKLE POP 3l 4th of 9 to Head Over Heels in a listed race at Newbury (5f, good).

Selection: FOR OLD TIMES SAKE (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%
Lady Herries	4	7	57.1
K Hogg	3	9	33.3
J Dunlop	8	27	29.6
P Haslam	5	18	27.8
G Moore	5	22	22.7
Mrs J Ramsden	12	59	20.3
Mrs M Reveley	19	96	19.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Bramhill	4	14	28.6
J Tate	6	23	26.1
K Darley	43	198	21.7
G Carter	9	44	20.5
J Weaver	19	115	16.5
K Fallon	18	126	14.3
L Charnock	10	76	13.2

4.10 TEXSTYLE WORLD BOGSIDE CUP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,220. 1m 7f) (7 runners) C4

501	(5)	006131	DIRAB 27 (F,G) (A Gorne) T Barron 9-7	J Fortune	97
502	(3)	065-513	ROSEBERRY AVENUE 30 (BF,S) (P Savill) Lady Herries 9-5	K Darley	88
503	(4)	112063	ETTERBY PARK 19 (D,F,G,S) (G Middlebrook) M Johnston 8-13	J Weaver	98
504	(2)	621202	MOCK TRIAL 16 (F) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	K Fallon	94
505	(1)	011313	GENERAL GLOW 13 (F) (J Winter) P Evans 8-6	J F Egan	94
506	(6)	355625	SILVERDALE KNIGHT 5J (F) (Ashdyn Stud) K Hogg 8-1	N Kennedy	95
507	(7)	35000-3	AZTEC FLYER 25 (R Meredith) Mrs M Reveley 8-0	L Charnock	97

BETTING: 5-2 Roseberry Avenue, 4-1 Dirab, 5-1 Mock Trial, 6-1 Silverdale Knight, General Glow, 8-1 others.

1995: ISTABRAQ 9-7 Pat Eddery (6-4 fav) J Gosden 33 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIRAB beat Clina's Lad 2l on 4-runner handicap at Thirsk (2m, good). ROSEBERRY AVENUE short-head and 1¼l 3rd of 11 to Chris's Lad in handicap at Sandown (2m 78yd, good). ETTERBY PARK neck and 1¼l 3rd of 13 to Sugar Mill in handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, soft). MOCK TRIAL 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Averuli in apprentice raters' related stakes at Pontefract (1m 4f, good). GENERAL GLOW head and 5l 3rd of 10 to Sawa-Id in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good). Selection: DIRAB

4.40 SOTHEBY'S HANDICAP (Amateurs: £3,626: 1m 2f 192yd) (19 runners)

601	(7)	202214	MENTALASANYTHIN 5 (C,F,G,S) D H-Jones 7-12-0	A Charles-Jones (5)	97
602	(14)	054263	CALDER KING 14 (V,D,F,S) (D Clarkson) J Eyre 5-11-8	Miss Diana Jones	88
603	(3)	000129	RING OF VISION 14 (D,F) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-1	Miss H Dodgeon (5)	95
604	(6)	04-00234	REX MUNDI 34 (J Ulster) P Evans 4-11-0	W McLaughlin (5)	96
605	(16)	026600	COMMANDER GLEN 26J (F,G) M Hammond 4-10-13	J Davies (7)	97
606	(13)	0005/60-	SUPERTOP 32DJ (F,G) (Mrs B Lungo) L Lungo 8-10-11	M H Naughton	–
607	(5)	042121	STORMLESS 29 (C,F,G) (D St Clair) P Monteith 5-10-11	R Thornton (3)	95
608	(8)	050126	CUMBRIAN MAESTRO 14 (BF,F) (Cumbrian Ind) T Easterby 3-10-10	C Bonner	87
609	(4)	140050	ASHOVER 12 (D,F,G,S) (T Cox) T Barron 6-10-10	Miss M Keuthen (5)	90
610	(1)	000000	BELLAS GATE BOY 15 (J Pearce) J Pearce 4-10-8	Mrs L Pearce	95
611	(2)	005251	HE'S GOT WINGS 43 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-10-4	Miss E Ramsden (5)	90
612	(11)	340600	MANDY 24J (B,D,G) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 3-10-3	T McCarthy	95
613	(18)	000032	MKUWA MKUBWA 13 (Indura Racing) C Wall 3-9-12	R Whitley (5)	98
614	(12)	640565	SWANDALE FLYER 29 (A Carruthers) N Bycroft 4-9-11	Mrs D Haldenwell	95
615	(19)	460040	HUTCHIES LADY 40 (S) (Mrs L McKellar) R McKellar 4-9-10	Mrs C Williams (5)	95
616	(9)	040	TOLEPA 19 (Newby Green) J J O'Neill 3-9-10	Miss S Kerswell (7)	–
617	(15)	365/500-	PIPERS GLEN 36AJ (M MacKenzie) C Parker 4-9-8	Miss P Robson	–
618	(10)	/002	BLACK AND BLUES 36 (S Scott) J Goldie 10-9-7	Mrs A Farrell	85
619	(17)	655058	PHILGEM 21 (C Barker-Lomax) C Fairhurst 3-9-7	Mrs S Bosley (3)	88

Long handicap: Black And Blues 8-8, Philgem 8-2.

BETTING: 9-2 Mentalasanythin, 5-1 Calder King, 13-2 He's Got Wings, 7-1 Cumbrian Maestro, 10-1 others.

1995: KEEP YOUR DISTANCE 5-11-9 Miss H Dodgeon (6-1) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

MENTALASANYTHIN 3¾l 4th of 17 to Clifton For to handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm). CALDER KING 1¾l 3rd of 19 to Gold Desire in apprentices handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). RING OF VISION 1¾l 2nd of 14 to Gold Desire in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). REX MUNDI 4½l 4th to Marsayas in handicap at Catterick (2m, good to firm). STORMLESS beat Ordained 2l in handicap at Ayr (1m 2f, good). HE'S GOT WINGS beat What Jim Wants 9l in seller at Newcastle (1m 4f 33yd, firm).

Selection: MENTALASANYTHIN

5.10 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,240: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(5)	0222	TEST THE WATER 8 (J Threadwell) R Hannon 8-7	J Reid	98
2	(8)		ZIBBE (J Baggott) T Barron 8-6	J Fortune	–
3	(11)		SHANTARSKIE (R Al Maktia) C Wall 8-5	G Duffield	–
4	(1)	43	TREASURE TOUCH 19 (N Honeyman) G Moore 8-5	J Tate	84
5	(9)	320232	RED ROMANCE 45 (J Blanchi) Denys Smith 8-3	L Charnock	87
6	(4)	23	CAUTION 13 (L Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 8-1	G Carter	89
7	(2)		FAIRY RING (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 8-1	F Lynch (3)	–
8	(6)	2	HURSILL LADY 19 (Hursill Lodge) J Watts 8-1	J Fanning	87
9	(3)	6	MURRON WALLACE 17 (H O'Donnell) R Whitaker 8-1	A Mackay	–
10	(7)		MORNING STAR (Mrs L McKeown) M Johnston 7-12	T Williams	–
11	(10)	520	PARUAZZ 10 (Baucher, Boyts & Humphrey) M Meade 7-12	D Wright (3)	89

BETTING: 3-1 Test The Water, 7-2 Hursill Lady, 9-2 Caution, 5-1 Morning Star, 8-1 Paruazz, 10-1 Treasure Touch, 12-1 Red Romance, 14-1 others.

1995: DIMINUET 7-13 J Fanning (3-1) J Watts 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

TEST THE WATER 1l 2nd of 15 to Cryhavoc in maiden at Epsom (6f, good to firm). RED ROMANCE 2¼l 2nd of 5 to Sedina in maiden auction at Carlisle (5f, firm). Earlier 2¼l 2nd of 5 to Bayford Thrust in maiden auction at Musselburgh (5f, good). CAUTION 4¼l 3rd of 14 to Hattab in maiden at Haydock (5f, good). HURSILL LADY 1l 2nd of 15 to Certain Magic in maiden auction at Ripon (6f, soft). PARUAZZ 2¼l 2nd of 18 to Johnny Staccato in maiden auction at Windsor (6f, soft).

Selection: TEST THE WATER

Joza to confirm early promise

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CHANNEL 4



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.40: In a race best watched, it may be worth forgiving **Canadian Fantasy** a disappointing effort at Hamilton. The Lear Fan colt finished last of four there but previously had posted three decent efforts. Jackson Falls was backed at long odds on his debut when finishing a good second to Pun at York two months ago. He should appreciate today's longer trip. As-Is looks an interesting newcomer.

3.10: Despite carrying top weight, **Insider Trader** is far from out of it. He was first home on the far side at Doncaster six days ago (Panther behind) and previously only just got beaten at Chester off a 1lb lower mark. Rich Glow is a course and distance specialist but usually runs best in smaller fields.

Able Sheriff's latest run can be safely ignored (bad draw and sticky ground) and has sound claims judged on his previous second to Brecongill Lad. However, it may pay to side with **Pharaoh's Joy**, a progressive three-year-old filly whose best effort was fourth in a big field at Salisbury two weeks ago.

3.40: Conspiracy is the form choice as she now meets Perpetual on 23lb better terms for a two-length beating at Chepstow last month. She should also reverse earlier Beverley form with For Old Times Sake. Snap Crackle Pop put up an improved display behind Head Over Heels, despite reportedly being in season. However, **Joza** created a favourable impression when justifying strong market support on her debut at Windsor and can take advantage of the likely lead set by Osomental to cope with the step up in class.

4.10: A form line involving Chris's Lad gives Dirab the beating of Roseberry Avenue, but the latter was unlucky in running at Sandown and Lady Herries's runner could triumph. Despite disappointing on his only previous attempt at this trip, Mock Trial looks like a stayer and is fairly weighted. However, it would not be no surprise to see the progressive **General Glow** improve again now that he steps up in distance. He stayed on well at Haydock and likes fast ground.

RICHARD EVANS

High esteem

WILLIAM HILL yesterday installed Mark Of Esteem the 2-1 favourite for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Saturday week. Other prices: 3-1 Ashkalani, 4-1 Bosra Sham, 8-1 First Island, Spinning World, 10-1 Charnwood Forest, 20-1 Alhaarth, Soviet Line, 25-1 Shaanxi, 33-1 bar.

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2.30 Air Express. 3.00 Another Nightmare. 3.30 Jiyush. 4.00 High Roller. 4.30 Puzzlement. 5.00 Yezza.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Air Express. 4.00 HIGH ROLLER (nap).

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2.30 TED PILLAR CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,855: 6f 3yd) (5 runners)

1	(5)	315	GRAND LAD 91 (G) R Armstrong 9-1	R Hills	86
2	(1)	2343	AIR EXPRESS 20 C Brittain 8-11	B Doyle	98
3	(4)	2343	BRAVEHEART 19 (F) M Channon 8-11	R Hughes	86
4	(2)	6512	PADDY LAD 19 (F) R Guest 8-11	P Bloomfield	72
5	(3)	15	COWRIE 14 (F) R Johnson Houghton 8-10	T Sprake	–

4-6 Air Express, 3-1 Paddy Lad, 7-1 Braveheart, 8-1 Grand Lad, Cowrie

3.00 WILLIAM YOUNGER EAST ANGLIA HANDICAP (£3,548: 6f 3yd) (20)

1	(20)	5000	ALLWIGHT THEN 19 (G) D Cosgrove 5-10-0	R Hills	95
2	(12)	3000	SAMSOLOM 7 (CD,F,G) P Howling 8-9-13	B Doyle	95
3	(6)	-000	MASRUF 22J (B,D,F) T Thomson Jones 4-9-13	W Ryan	89
4	(19)	4040	STATISTICIAN 27 (D,F) John Berry 4-9-11	DOUBTFUL	89
5	(10)	0200	SPANISH STRIPPER 2 (D,F) M Chapman 5-9-10	D R McCabe	95
6	(1)	4201	MERRIE LE BOW 3 (D,F) Pat Mitchell 4-9-10 (7lb)	Amanda Sanders (5)	95
7	(3)	2415	WADERS DREAM 16 (V,CD,F) Pat Mitchell 7-9-9	M Henry (3)	97
8	(2)	5124	ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 3 (D,BF,F,S) R McKellar 4-9-8	Pat Eddery	90
9	(13)	3650	FACE THE FUTURE 20 (CD,S) V Soane 7-9-6	A McGlone	90
10	(17)	6500	AWESOME VENTURE 1 (B,S) M Chapman 6-9-5	M Baird (5)	91
11	(11)	2003	POLAR REFRAIN 13 (BF) C Dwyer 3-9-5	Jo Hunnam (7)	95
12	(9)	600-	RAPIER POINT 366 (D,G) C Murray 5-9-4	P Bloomfield	87
13	(18)	0044	CORNICHE QUEST 15 (G) M Channon 3-9-4	R Hughes	95
14	(5)	0301	PRESENT 'N CORRECT 12 (F) C Booth 3-9-3	O Urbina	93
15	(15)	0000	JUDGEMENT CALL 13 (C,D,F,G) P Howling 9-9-1	F Norton	96
16	(4)	0400	MEMBERS WELCOME 13 (V) J Bradley 3-9-0	G Carter	86
17	(14)	0540	PENDLEY ROSE 12 P Harris 3-8-11	N Day	91
18	(7)	0000	ROTHLEY IMP 9 J Wharton 3-8-11	T Sprake	89
19	(16)	3060	DISSENTOR 34 (V,D,G) J Glover 4-8-11	N Carlisle	88
20	(8)	000-	SAINT AMIGO 33J (S) R Whitaker 4-8-6	M Hills	90

4-1 Maine Le Bow, 6-1 Another Nightmare, 7-1 Polar Refrain, 10-1 Waders Dream, Present 'n Correct, 12-1 Corniche Quest, Awesome Venture, 14-1 others.

3.30 THOMAS PRIOR MEMORIAL STAYERS HANDICAP (£5,638: 2m 2f 51yd) (9)

1	(5)	4521	GOLDEN ARROW 24 (G,S) M Pipe 5-9-12	R Hills	95
2	(3)	2221	JIYUSH 15 (G) H Thomson Jones 3-9-7	W Carson	98
3	(2)	3228	EMBRYONIC 8 (F) R Fisher 4-9-5	W Ryan	95
4	(9)	2105	PEARL VENTURE 36 (F,S) S Woods 4-9-5	B Doyle	97
5	(4)	0200	TOY PRINCESS 34 (F,G) C Brittain 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	91
6	(1)	5212	FLOCHECK 104 (BF,G) J Dunlop 3-8-13	M Henry (3)	91
7	(7)	4136	PARADISE NAVY 25 (B,D,F,G) C Egerton 7-8-9	T Sprake	96
8	(8)	1463	STEAMROLLER STANLY 6 (F) C Dwyer 3-8-8	Jo Hunnam (7)	94
9	(6)	0200	NON VINTAGE 15 (D,F,G) M Chapman 5-7-10	Jo Hunnam (7)	94

3-2 Jiyush, 3-1 Golden Arrow, 5-1 Flocheck, 6-1 Embryonic, 8-1 Paradise Navy.

4.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND FREETHORPE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,713: 1m 3yd) (15)

1	(9)	5	BAAHETH 27 R Armstrong 9-0	W Carson	88
2	(11)	48	COUNT TONY 12 S Woods 9-0	D Biggs	86
3	(12)		HIGH ROLLER H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	–
4	(11)		INCLUDE ME OUT J Fanshawe 8-0	M Roberts	–
5	(7)	065	INDIFFERENT GUY 29 C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	98
6	(4)		JOLI'S PRINCE C Murray 9-0	P Bloomfield	–
7	(15)		MALIK Saeed bin Suroor 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
8	(14)		MARSUL J Gosden 9-0	M Hills	–
9	(3)		PERFECT PARADISM J Gosden 9-0	A McGlone	–
10	(13)		RAMADDUR J Fanshawe 9-0	W Varley (3)	–
11	(6)		SIPOWITZ C Cyzer 9-0	M Rimmer	–
12	(2)		TALIB D Morley 9-0	R Hills	–
13	(5)		TEOFILIO D Loder 9-0	R Hughes	–
14	(8)		ADJUVITA C Cyzer 8-9	T Sprake	–
15	(10)		SHE'S A CRACKER C Dwyer 8-9	Jo Hunnam (7)	–

7-4 High Roller, 4-1 Malik, 5-1 Marsul, 6-1 Bashesh, 8-1 Teofilio, 12-1 Perfect Paradigm, 14-1 others

4.30 LOTTIE AND ALBERT BOTTON MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,529. 1m 3yd) (13)

1	(10)	3163	SINECURE 19 (F) J Gosden 9-7	A McGlone	90
2	(13)	6333	MARADI 14 D Morley 9-0	W Carson	92
3	(5)	0100

FOOTBALL

Lawrence urges Wales to cap Hughes's revival

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BOBBY GOULD, the Wales manager, should get a phone call from Lennie Lawrence, the Luton Town manager, in the not too distant future. After the initial pleasantries, Lawrence will recommend that Gould includes Ceri Hughes, the Luton midfield player, in his squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Holland in Cardiff on October 5.

Hughes, 25, has not played for his country since the 1-1 draw against Albania in Tirana ten months ago, which concluded a woeful European championship campaign for Wales. Yet, after his vibrant display in Luton's 1-0 win over Derby County on Tuesday, in their Coca-Cola Cup second-round, first-leg tie, Lawrence had no hesitation in putting his name forward again.

Though still suspect of temperament and occasionally anonymous, Hughes appears to have finally got the message. "He was the best player out there," Lawrence said. "We've been on at him to produce that level of performance all season and now he's got to maintain that consistency, play 50 games and not get suspended or injured. He can then talk about being a proper player again."

Hughes, born in Pontypridd, is in his eighth season at Kenilworth Road and has seen many contemporaries, including John Hartson, Mark Pembridge and Scott Oakes, move onwards and upwards. "He's been here a long time and perhaps it has affected him, seeing the other lads overtake him," Lawrence said.

"Ceri needs constant management but it's now down to him to reproduce this kind of form on a regular basis. It certainly merits a call to Bobby Gould."

Derby were the only FA Carling Premiership side to lose on Tuesday, with Luton, from the Nationwide League second division, striking the decisive blow in the 26th minute through Julian James, who scored his first goal for 18 months.

However, Blackburn Rovers were given an uncomfortable time by Brentford, the previously-unbeaten second-division leaders, before winning 2-1 at Griffin Park. It was their first victory in seven attempts this season, with early goals from Garry Flitcroft, his first for the club, and Chris Sutton, his third in as many games, alleviating some of the gloom at the Premiership's bottom club.

Nicky Forster replied for Brentford shortly before the interval, but a series of squandered chances by his teammates proved costly in the second half. Dave Webb, the Brentford manager, at least had the consolation of another vigorous display from his young side.

"I reckon some of Blackburn's players out there are probably on a yearly wage as much as all my staff put together," Webb said. "Yet we competed well, kept going and could almost have pinched it with a bit more luck and better finishing.

"We always get a lot of scouts here watching our lads. I wish someone would make me an offer I couldn't refuse." With that, he departed, adding: "I'm just going to see Jack Walker [the wealthy Blackburn owner] to see if he wants to give me £25 million."

Blackburn's long-awaited success was clouded by injuries to Henning Berg, the Norway full back, and George Donis, the Greece winger. Berg sustained a bruised thigh and Donis bruised ribs, with both already doubtful for the Premiership game against Everton at Ewood Park on Saturday.

Keith Curle, the Wolverhampton Wanderers central defender, has visited a specialist in Leeds in an attempt to cure the calf and heel injuries that have blighted his £650,000 move from Manchester City in July. He has yet to start a game this season and, after experiencing a further setback in training this week, faces at least another fortnight on the sidelines.



Thorn, the Hearts defender, gets to grips with Di Canio during Celtic's Coca-Cola Cup defeat at Tynecastle

Celtic's cup defeat fans unrest

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

CELTIC supporters who were thrilled by the mercurial side assembled this season are beginning to discover that capricious footballers can also be self-destructive. The team beaten 1-0 by Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle in the quarter-final of the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday has abruptly lost all of its vitality.

The game had always looked likely to be a demanding one for the visitors, but the sterility of a squad crammed with attacking players was startling. Celtic's ineffectiveness came in a tie that saw Hearts lacking four defenders, who were suspended. As it was, the Edinburgh club cobbled together a sturdy team that included the former Wimbledon centre half, Andy Thorn, who was signed on a short-term arrangement.

With the players embroiled in a dispute over bonus payments, brooding Celtic fans may have reached some instant conclusions about the causes of the insipidness, and Tommy Burns, the manager, did not quibble. "I cannot say if these things had an effect, but I have no doubt some people will look at it that way," Burns said.

No matter the finer points of the disagreement, the team will now have recognised that, in the wake of a defeat, their case is sure to meet with an unsympathetic hearing from supporters. Who will pause to consider the niceties of bonuses when they have read that, for example, Paolo Di Canio is to earn £2 million over the three years of his contract?

Celtic's difficulties have been aggravated by the apparent leaking of the story to the press, and yesterday Fergus McCann, the club's managing director, moved to restore order. "Somebody has his own agenda and is trying to cause disruption. We will deal with it internally," McCann said.

The temperament of individuals is not the only difficulty confronting Celtic, who are faced with an intimidating programme. After the home match with Dunfermline Athletic on Saturday, they fly to Germany for the return leg of their Uefa Cup tie with Hamburg, having lost the home match 2-0. Then, on September 28, Celtic face Rangers in a Bell's Scottish League premier division match at Ibrox. It is possible that they will be out of Europe and lagging in the championship before the month is over.

Even jubilant clubs, however, have their anxieties. Dundee reacted to their unexpected 2-1 victory over Aberdeen in the Coca-Cola Cup by reflecting that a translation of such form to league football is necessary if they are to climb out of the first division. In the third of the quarter-finals, Dunfermline defeated Partick Thistle 2-0.

☐ The £51 million redevelopment of Hampden Park is now certain to be completed as nearly all the funding is in place. Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland, has announced grants from the Scottish Office, the European Regional Development Fund and the Glasgow Development Association that total £5.6 million.

Anderton draws comfort from Preston test

BY PETER BALL

DARREN ANDERTON'S eagerness to be part of Glenn Hoddle's England plans is persuading him to put off a hernia operation as long as possible. Anderton came through a full game for the first time this season, against Preston North End in the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday night, scoring Tottenham Hotspur's goal in their 1-1 draw.

"I know the injury is restricting me a little bit," he said. "I am not playing as well as I can, but that was a lot better performance for me. It was the perfect test for me and it was nice to get that full game under my belt."

After missing most of last season with a groin injury, but returning in time for Euro 96, starting this season with another lingering problem was a bitter blow for Anderton. His performance at Deepdale encouraged him.

"I'm hopeful I'll be OK for England consideration," he said. "I want to delay any operation for as long as possible — there are too many important games coming up for both Tottenham and England for me to miss out."

Anderton hopes to be fit for England's World Cup qualifying match against Poland at Wembley, on October 9, after missing the trip to Moldavia last month. Apart from Tottenham's FA Carling Premiership match with Everton, which he missed, before Tuesday he had had to come off in every game he has played so far this season. "It's only towards the end of games that I start aching," he said.

How long Anderton will be able to delay an operation will depend on his progress over the next few weeks, and how the injury develops. "It's something I want to get right and sorted out with big games coming up for England," he said. "I will see how it goes. It's a difficult thing for me. I will have to see how it feels each day. At the moment it's not too bad, but I don't know how long I will be able to carry on without an operation.

"I have spoken to the manager about it, but when I decide it's right to do it, I will get it done."

Date set for inquiry into Ibrox dismissals

HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN will appear before the Scottish Football Association (SFA) on October 14 after the sendings-off of four of their players at Ibrox on Saturday.

The date for the disciplinary inquiry has been set after the arrival of a report by Gerry Evans, the match referee, at SFA headquarters in Glasgow.

Hearts will be asked to explain the actions of both the players and Chris Robinson, the chairman, who appeared at the side of the pitch at one stage. Pasquale Bruno, David Weir, Neil Pointon and Paul Ritchie were all shown the red card by Evans in the course of the Bell's Scottish League premier division match, which Rangers won 3-0.

Robinson has already been in contact with the SFA in an attempt to explain his presence on the touchline. The four players have not yet been asked to appear before the disciplinary committee, but SFA procedure means that could happen at a later date.

An SFA spokesman said: "We have received the report from the referee. We will be writing to Hearts to ask for their comments and these papers will go before the next meeting of the disciplinary committee. Hearts have already been in touch with the chairman explaining his actions and that will also go before the committee."

All four players served automatic one-match suspensions on Tuesday when Hearts beat Celtic in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-finals.

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FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: European qualifying group six: Czech Republic 6 Malta 0 (at Teplice)

Tuesday's late results

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: Barnsley 1 Gillingham 1, Brentford 1 Blackburn Rovers 2; Bury 1 Crystal Palace 3, Charlton Athletic 4 Burnley 1, Fulham 1 Ipswich Town 1, Huddersfield Town 1 Colchester 1, Lincoln 4 Manchester City 1, Luton Town 1 Derby County 0; Oldham Athletic 2 Tranmere Rovers 2, Port Vale 1 Carlisle 0; Preston North End 1 Tottenham Hotspur 1, Scarborough 0 Leicester City 2; Stockport 2 Sheffield United 1, Watford 0 Sunderland 2.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Wrexham 1 Bristol Rovers 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	7	5	2	0	15	6	17
Watford	7	5	0	2	9	7	15
Chesterfield	7	5	0	2	6	4	15
Millwall	7	4	2	1	14	9	14
Bury	7	4	2	1	12	6	14
Crewe	7	4	1	2	10	7	13
Burnley	7	4	0	3	10	9	12
Shrewsbury	7	3	3	1	8	7	12
Plymouth	7	3	2	2	13	12	11
Blackpool	7	3	2	2	6	6	11
Wrexham	6	2	3	1	10	9	9
Bournemouth	7	3	0	4	8	9	9
Luton	7	3	0	4	7	13	9
York	7	2	2	3	8	9	8
Bristol Rovers	7	2	2	3	5	7	8
Bristol City	7	2	1	4	11	12	7
Peterborough	6	1	4	1	10	10	7
Preston	7	2	1	4	6	8	7
Gillingham	7	2	1	4	6	9	7
Walsall	6	1	2	3	6	8	5
Notts County	6	1	2	3	5	7	5
Stockport	7	1	2	4	4	7	5
Wycombe	7	1	0	6	5	8	4
Rotherham	7	0	2	5	6	12	2

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Fourth round: Dundee 2 Aberdeen 1, Dunfermline 2 Partick Thistle 0, Heart of Midlothian 1 Celtic 0 (aet)

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove 4 Altrincham 0; Dover 0 Slough 0, Halifax 4 Stalybridge 1, Rushden and Diamonds 0 Farnborough 2, Southport 0 Northwich and Victoria 0; Telford 1 Kettering 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough	10	6	1	3	22	12	19
Stevenage	9	6	1	2	18	11	19
Macclesfield	9	5	3	1	10	3	18
Kidderminster	10	5	2	3	18	10	17
Hednesford	8	4	3	1	13	6	15
Southport	9	4	3	2	10	6	15
Telford	10	4	2	4	8	9	14
Altrincham	10	3	5	2	13	15	14
Farnborough	8	4	1	3	10	7	13
Woking	9	3	4	2	10	11	13
Kettering	9	3	3	3	13	11	12
Gateshead	8	3	2	3	15	13	11
Morecambe	8	3	2	3	11	10	11
Northwich	9	3	2	4	6	12	11
Dover	9	2	4	3	11	13	10
Halifax	9	3	1	5	15	20	10
Rushden and D	9	2	4	3	12	17	10
Bromsgrove	10	3	0	7	9	15	9
Hayes	8	1	4	3	7	10	7
Bath	8	2	1	5	10	15	7
Welling	8	2	1	5	12	18	7
Stalybridge	9	1	3	5	8	18	6

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blyth Spartans 0 Bishop Auckland 0, Chorley 2 Knowsley 2, Marine 0 Colwyn Bay 0, Witton 0 Hyde 0; Guiseley 2 Spennymoor 1; First division: Atherton LR 1 Workington 0; Congleton 2 Eastwood Town 0; Great Harwood 0 Curzon Ashton 0; Matlock Town 0 Droylsden 2, Stocksbridge PS 1 Harrogate Town 1, Warrington 0 Radcliffe 3, Whitley Bay 1 Netherfield 2

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeovil 3 Carshalton 0. Second division: Banstead 0 Bracknell 3, Barking 0 Bedford Town 0, Egham 0 Hemel Hempstead 0, Tilbury 0 Leatherhead 1, Windsor and Eton 1 Wembley 1. Third division: Hornchurch 1 Braintree 5, Wealdstone 5 Hertford 1

LEAGUE OF WALES: Cup: First round, first leg: Inter Cable-Tel 3 Caersws 2.

ULSTER CUP: Final: Coleraine 1 Crusaders 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90min).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Rotherham 2 Grimsby 0. Third division: Chester 1 Wigan 0

FA CUP: First qualifying round replays: Arnold 3 Gretna 0, Gainsborough 2 Tow Law 0; Lancaster 3 Lincoln United 2, Shepshed Dynamo 5 Sandwell 2, Great Yarmouth 0 Sudbury 1, Heybridge Swifts 3 Bury Town 0, Halstead 4 Collier Row and Romford 0; Erith and Belvedere 1 Barton 2; Ford United 2 Edgware 3, St Albans 4 London Colney 1, Herne Bay 1 Walton and Hersham 0; Oxford City 2 Witney 3, Berkerton Heath Harlequins 2 Thatcham 3; Lymington AFC 1 Thame 1; Godalming and Guildford 0 Salisbury 2, Bath 3 Devizes 1.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 1 Odd Down 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Dunston Federation 2 Chester-le-Street 2, Easington 3 Whitby 2; Morpeth 0 Crook 0; South Shields 1 Murton 1.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Burnham 2 Banbury 1; Carterton 0 Abingdon United 3.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Pershore 0 Oldbury 1; Shifnal 1 Halesowen Harriers 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 3 Denaby 0; Ashfield 3 Glasshoughton Welfare 0. Belper Town 2 Hucknall 1, Maltby MW 5 Pickering 1; Pontefract Cols 2 North Ferriby 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Millwall 7 Bristol Rovers 0

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Quarter-finals: Dundalk 0 Athlone 1, Galway 3 Derry 2, St Patrick's Ath 0 Cork 3.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chipstead 1 Netherne 1; Corinthian Casuals 4 Viking Sports 0; Cove 2 Ash 1, Farnham 0 Sandhurst 3.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bolehall Swifts 1 David Lloyd 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 1 Stowmarket 2, March 0 Watton 1; Woodbridge 5 Soham 1, Wroxham 0 Gorleston 2.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers Cup: Arlesey 3 Hoddesdon 2, Biggleswade 2 Royston 0, Welwyn Gdn 2 Toddington 2.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Tunbridge Wells 2 Deal 0.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough 1 Prescot 0; Glossop North End 2 Holker Old Boys 2; Maine Road 2 Mossley 3; Nantwich 1 Atherton Collieries 1, Newcastle Town 1 Bootle 0; Vauxhall GM 2 Chadderton 0

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Chippenham 0 Cirencester 3; Preliminary round replay: Bromsgrove 4 Lutterworth 0

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Tyne and Wear League: Under-15: Gateshead 3 North Tyneside 2, West Tyne 2 Sunderland 1. Under-14: Gateshead 2 North Tyneside 3.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Czech Republic 4 Malta 0 (in Neratovice).

GERMAN LEAGUE: Karlsruhe 0 VfB Stuttgart 2. Cup: Second round: Oldenburg 1 Werder Bremen 2.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 4 Detroit 2; Cleveland 9 Chicago 4; Kansas City 4 Minnesota 2, Milwaukee 4 Toronto 0, Oakland 5 California 1, Seattle 5 Texas 2. Postponed: New York v Baltimore.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh 5 Cincinnati 3, Montreal 7 New York 1; Florida 11 Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 5 Houston 4; St Louis 5 Chicago 3, Los Angeles 9 Colorado 0; San Francisco 9 San Diego 7

BOWLS

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Men: Pairs: Third round: V Field and G Yandle bt G Smith and G Rossiter 21-11, A Diplock and B Gedney bt D James and L Betts 19-17, D Hoddinott and E Long bt A Gwynn and D Shields 21-9, F Cuthbert and H Taylor bt R Chellens and L Walmesley 21-3, A Rogers and D Harris bt J Parlyon and J Stevens 15-14, D Smith and R Cook bt L Ravell and J Clark 22-11; J Dunn and P Binder bt C Johnson and D McSweaney 21-12, A Edwards and J Fishlock bt F Hayman and R Breakspear 18-12, A King and A May bt P Walther and S Simcock 18-12; L Ellis and C Chew bt G Andrews and D Zapp 23-2, R Slater and M Ryan bt J Armstrong and J McMeakin 17-14; G Humphreys and L Hawton bt B Gillman and J McKechnie 15-14, F Dean and F Wigmore bt A Jessett and J Newman 16-12, D Moore and F Ash bt T Douch and A Wood 24-13; N Wright and L Haynes bt H Spicer and F Webb 19-11; J Harris and A Dennington bt K Rees and E Ingo 17-16. Women: Pairs: Third round: E Brockwell and B Ansell bt M Challans and A Wiggins 24-14, N Biddlecomb and C Jay bt J Edson and C Mould 19-8, J Hadfield and L Walker bt M Ede and D Duckman 17-14, L Fowler and R Coleman bt S Griffiths and S Thomas 18-9, L Sharp and D Harrington bt S Green and R Payne 16-14, J Chubb and A Jessett bt D Williams and S Dewey 21-7; M Webster and M Crothers bt O Slomovic and D Tushaw 23-10; J Stern and M Hodge bt M K Webster and S Haynes 23-15.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three) Taunton Somerset 354-6 dec and 140-5, Yorkshire 293 (final day of three); Barnt Green Glamorgan 389-7 dec (J R Williams 106, I Gompertz 74, S T Thomas 95, C P Metson 53 not out) and 110-3 dec; Worcestershire 350-4 dec (E J Rawson 86, C J Schofield 76, A Derwood 71 not out) and 150-3 (E J Wilson 96 not out). Worcestershire won by seven wickets. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 406-4 dec (U Afzaal 139, N Gie 90, L Walker 57, G E Welton 54) and 287-3 dec (Welton 112 not out, J Hindson 102, R Howell 58), Gloucestershire 350-5 dec (N Trainor 109, A Wright 83, R Cunliffe 62) and 282-8 (Trainor 61, M P Hunt 57 not out). Match drawn.

Sahara Cup

India v Pakistan

TORONTO (Pakistan won toss) Pakistan beat India by two wickets

INDIA

†N R Mongia c Wasim b Azhar	18
*S R Tendulkar c Wasim b Azhar	20
R S Dravid b Saqlain	90
M Azharuddin c Azhar b Mushtaq A	88
V G Kambli c Aamir b Mushtaq Ahmed	3
A D Jadeja not out	21
J Srinath c Wasim b Saqlain	0
S C Ganguly not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 3, nb 1)	13
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	264

S D Joshi, A Kumble and B K V Prasad did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-44, 3-205, 4-214, 5-245, 6-245.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 10-1-52-0; Waqar Younis 8-0-37-0, Azhar Mahmood 9-0-38-2, Mushtaq Ahmed 9-2-47-2, Saqlain Mushtaq 10-0-39-2, Aamir Sohail 5-0-33-0; Salim Malik 1-0-9-0.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Joshi b Tendulkar	80
Aamir Sohail c Mongia b Prasad	0
Ijaz Ahmed c Mongia b Prasad	13
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Dravid b Kumble	23
Salim Malik not out	70
†Moin Khan c Azharuddin b Joshi	14
*Wasim Akram c Ganguly b Srinath	20
Azhar Mahmood run out	1
Mushtaq Ahmed c and b Srinath	4
Saqlain Mushtaq not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 9)	24
Total (8 wkts, 49.5 overs)	266

Waqar Younis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-44, 3-115, 4-144, 5-169, 6-213, 7-215, 8-221.

BOWLING: Srinath 10-0-53-2, Prasad 10-0-54-2, Jadeja 3-0-20-0, Joshi 9.5-1-57-1, Kumble 10-0-32-1, Tendulkar 7-0-35-1

Man of the match: Salim Malik.

Umpires: D Orchard (South Africa) and L Barker (West Indies).

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Tenth stage (46.5km time trial, El Tiemblo to Avila): 1, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei-GB) 1hr 10min 20sec; 2, A Zülle (Switz, ONCE) at 2sec; 3, M Indurdain (Sp, Banesto) 27; 4, M Mauri (Sp, ONCE) 1min 50sec; 5, L Jalabert (Sp, ONCE) 1:52; 6, N Stephen (Aus, ONCE) 2:02. Overall positions: 1, Zülle 42hr 46min 7sec; 2, Indurain at 1min 45sec; 3, Jalabert 1:15; 4, Maun 1:51; 5, Stephen 2:37; 6, R Pistore (It, MG-Technogym) 4:00

MODERN PENTATHLON

OPOCZNO, Poland: Women's World Cup: Final: 1, E Suvorova (Russ) 5, 184 (shooting, 1,108pts; fencing, 814, swimming, 1,244, riding, 996; running, 1,020), 2, E Majoszyc (Pol) 6,085 (1,000, 969, 1,264, 1,037, 815); 3, K Allenby (GB) 4,990 (1,000, 845, 1,264, 1,016, 865)

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: European Open: Semi-final: C Bray (GB) bt J Howell (GB) 6-1, 6-0, 4-6, 6-5

RUGBY UNION

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Swansea 33 Pontypridd 19. Second division: Aberavon 15 Cross Keys 5, Abercynon 34 Cardiff Institute 37, Blackwood 7 Llandovery 42; Maesteg 16 Abertillery 20; South Wales Police 22 Pontypool 22; Ystradgynlais 10 Bonymaen 49.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Stowe 54 Ousedale 0.

SQUASH

CAIRO: Men's Open championship: Second round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt J Power (Can) 6-15, 15-5, 15-7, 15-8, A Barada (Egypt) bt A Waqih (Egypt) 15-8, 15-9, 15-12; P Nicol (Scot) bt M Cairns (Eng) 17-16, 15-8, 15-10.

TABLE TENNIS

WARWICK: European Women's League: Super division: England 4 Italy 0 (England names first): N Deaton bt Yang Ding 21-16, 21-14, L Lomas bt S Bosi 21-7, 21-6; A Holt bt D Zancanar 21-4, 21-14, Lomas and Holt bt Bosi and Zancanar 21-9, 21-4.

TENNIS

TOKYO: Women's tournament (Japan unless stated). Second round: N Sawamatsu bt Y Yoshida 6-2, 6-1, A Coetzer (SA) bt N Kijimuta 7-5, 6-2, M Seles (US) bt M Endo 6-4, 6-4, K Date bt N Miyagi 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

THE WIRRAL: LTA autumn satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: First round: N Gould bt D Belcher 6-2, 6-3; R Koenig (SA) bt D Draper 6-2, 6-4, C Wall bt P Hand 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, C Wilkinson bt A Parmar 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, P Robinson bt B Cowan 7-6, 6-3, A Foster bt T Sparks 7-6, 6-4, A Gavrilov (Russ) bt J Davidson 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, N Weal bt D Ward 6-2, 6-0

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,543pts, 2, M Chang (US) 4,010, 3, T Muster (Austria) 3,612, 4, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 3,167, 5, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 3,059, 6, B Becker (Ger) 2,785, 7, W Ferreira (SA) 2,701, 8, P Korda (Holl) 2,434, 9, A Agassi (US) 2,232, 10, M Rios (Chile) 2,101, 11, J Courier (US) 2,001, 12, M Washington (US) 1,891, 13, T Martin (US) 1,805, 14, T Enqvist (Swe) 1,785, 15, A Costa (Sp) 1,758, 16, F Mantilla (Sp) 1,578, 17, C Pioline (Fr) 1,557, 18, A Berasategui (Sp) 1,479, 19, S Edberg (Swe) 1,449, 20, M Philippoussis (Aus) 1,448

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New professionals need to keep sense of occasion

ANDREW LONGMORE



Sporting View

Cast your mind forward, if you will, to 1997 and England's first match in the five nations' championship on February 1. The opponents are Scotland and the England team consists of W. Carling leading out 14 players no one has ever heard of. The professionals from Scotland win, naturally, but amateur England are not disgraced and most of the 65,000 spectators at Twickenham go home happy that their annual picnic in the car park has been preserved in aspic for another year. "Just like the good old days," one brogued and Barboured Twickenham veteran remarks.

On the same afternoon, two miles away, the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Limited (Epruc) XV, captained by Lawrence Dallaglio and boasting 14 other full England internationals, beats a Select Club XV in front of a crowd of barely 5,000 at Wasps' new home ground at Loftus Road.

Epruc's propaganda suggests that time is on the side of the rebels, that all they have to do is surround fortress Twickenham and starve the "old farts" into submission. But a year later, they are still hammering on the gates, unaware that the five nations' championship, like Wimbledon, is not much about sport at all. It is an occasion, which is quite different.

> 'They think this is all about rugby, poor souls'

"We had a brilliant day at Twickenham ... "Was it a good game?" "No, not really, old chap, but I met old Ponsonby-Smythe again. Hadn't seen him for years, so we had a good chat about school days ..." The pros have not worked it out yet. They think this is all about rugby, poor souls, about whether England can beat Australia, New Zealand or South Africa at the next World Cup, about standards and coaching and tactics and style.

It is not, any more than Wimbledon is about tennis. Much of the tennis played on the genteel lawns of the All England Club over the past decade has been as artistic and interesting as a tug of war. But who cares? Every ticket could be sold twice over. "Who did you see play?" "Well I saw Agassi for a set or two and Graf and Sampras and then we went to buy some souvenirs and have tea ..." "But was the tennis any good?" "Oh, no, I don't think so. Can't remember really, but it was such a lovely day ..." It is sport turned debutante's ball. Darling, you look fabulous.

Last weekend, I had the privilege of attending my first All-Ireland Gaelic football final in Dublin. There were 65,000 Irishmen celebrating their Irishness and me desperately searching for some ancestral connection with Mayo or Meath, the two finalists. I decided to support Mayo because their colours — red and green — were more appealing and because they were most likely to lose.

But the whole affair was a blissful throwback to the early days of association football when the players represented their community and their motivation stemmed from the fear of letting down family and friends, whole villages, towns and the county. "Ah, Sean, nice lad, but he lost us the 1996 All-Ireland final, you know." No wonder that the mental preparation of both sides at Croke Park would have done credit to athletes in the Olympic Games. Rugby union used to be like that, they tell me, about 12 months ago.

On Sunday, the result was desperately important, far too important for anyone to be paid to win or lose, but the pageantry and the celebration of the moment, of just being there, with the flags, the bands, the parade and the tales of derring-do, were much more important. At the end of a drawn game, the two teams trooped off back down the tunnel and the crowd spilt out into the corner pubs off Croke Park to chew over the game and renew hostilities for next time.

There was no attempt to manufacture a result and everyone accepted it that way. Extra time or some spurious television-inspired shoot-out would only cheapen the efforts of the teams, make luck the decisive factor and elevate the winning or losing above the sense of occasion. No, it was come back same time, same place, in a fortnight to settle it properly, man for man. And if the Gaelic Athletic Association will benefit to the tune of another £1.4 million in gate receipts for the replay, the price of sporting tradition is an awful lot higher.

> 'A shoot-out would only cheapen their efforts'

The professional men of English rugby might find that out soon enough if they try to tackle the barons of Twickenham on the battleground of the five nations' championship. When all the talking is done, the posturing complete, the choice between watching England's finest on some alien football field or turning out to encourage a make-shift XV wearing the red rose at Twickenham will be based not on the quality of the players — Kerry Packer found that out in cricket — but on the underestimated sporting virtues of habit, custom and occasion. The car park picnic, if you like.

In their headlong rush towards a new age, the professional clubs would be foolish to ignore the old well-beaten paths of tradition.

☐ *John Bryant is away*

HOCKEY

Rivals enlist recruits to challenge Hightown

By Alix Ramsay

WITH the Olympics now no more than a distant memory — and not necessarily a pleasant one at that — the veterans of Atlanta return to action on Sunday to begin battle for the national league title, a campaign that will start, stop and stutter its way through the seven-month season.

For reasons best known to the All England Women's Hockey Association, the 24 teams will complete eight matches before the end of November and then have to wait until the end of February before playing competitively outdoors again.

It is hard to look beyond Hightown, Slough and Ipswich as contenders for the league. They will also be the teams to beat in the cup, together with Sutton Coldfield, who traditionally make such a slow start to the season that the cup is the only silverware left within their reach.

Slough have a new spring in their step thanks to the addition of some new players — Lucy Cope, Sarah Kelleher, Ashley Wallace and Jane Smith — and a new coach. After seven years, Ian Jennings and the former champions parted company at the end of last season and Slough have recruited John Shore, the Great Britain international, to guide them.

Ipswich, too, will have a new look as they take on Sutton Coldfield on Sunday. They have signed Vicky Sandall, who has not played league hockey for two years after a spell with Sutton fighting for a first-team place, and Kim van Erp, an unlikely acquisition from Amsterdam who will not make her league debut until the end of the month, but who has already made an impression in Ipswich's pre-season matches.

Hightown seldom see the need to change a winning formula. One of the steadiest clubs in the premier division, they begin the defence of their title against Clifton with only one new name on the team list — Helen Grant, the former England Under-21 striker, who will partner Tina Cullen in the front line. The only other change is the absence of Jackie Crook who, at 36, has decided to retire.

EQUESTRIANISM

King poised to rule over US challenge at Blenheim

By Jenny MacArthur

MARY KING'S relentless run of success since Atlanta looks set to continue when she competes with King Solomon at the Blenheim Vauxhall Monterey International Horse Trials which begin today in the grounds of Blenheim Palace. Ninety-two horses are contesting the popular three-day-event in which, for the first time, horses will run in reverse order of merit in the cross country on Saturday.

Although the formidable list of entries includes Bruce Davidson, of the United States, a dual world champion, and two former Olympic champions — Mark Todd, of New Zealand, and Matt Ryan, of Australia — no partnership can match the credentials of King and the nine-year-old King Solomon.

In the past month the 34-year-old national champion has won the Scottish championships on Star Appeal, the British Open on King William and the Burghley Horse Trials, also on Star Appeal. King Solomon's record is no less impressive. He was runner-up at Le Lion d'Angers two years ago and won Compiègne last year.

He comes to Blenheim at the top of his form after winning the Advanced Ladies' section at Thirlestane in Scotland last month and finishing runner-up to King William in the British Open. "He's just very talented," King said. "He finds each of the three phases easy."

Few riders are more determined to topple King this weekend than Todd and Andrew Nicholson, members of the New Zealand Olympic bronze medal-winning team and second and third in the world rankings. Todd, having failed to complete Burghley on either of his two entries, is hoping for compensation with Lady Bamford's Vambi Charboniére — an improving nine-year-old.

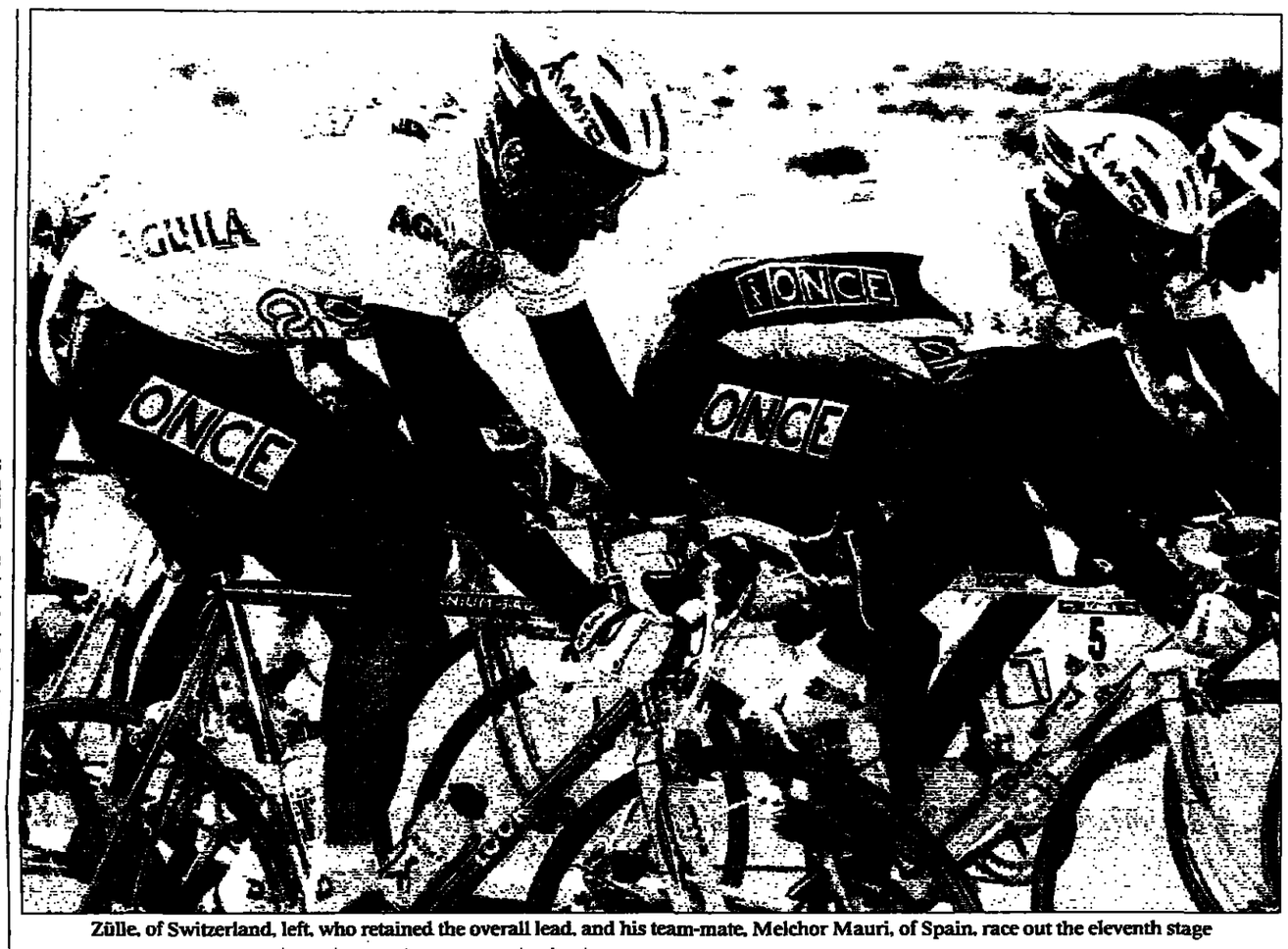
Nicholson, 35, has been runner-up to King at Burghley, Gatcombe and Compiègne but hopes the inappropriately named Dawdle will reverse positions this week. The New Zealander makes a habit of riding difficult horses and Dawdle, a nine-year-old thoroughbred by Saunter, is no exception.

"He's a thug," Nicholson said. "He'll happily kick you in the stable and nap when you're out for a ride but so far he's been genuine once you're competing." He made a mistake on the cross country at Bramham in June — his first three-star event — but showed his true form in the British Open where he finished third.

Pippa Funnell, seeking a third Blenheim win, and Kristina Gifford, are also hoping to wipe out the memory of Bramham this weekend. Funnell, who broke her four-star jinx at Burghley when she finished fourth on Bits And Pieces, is riding Anne Burnet's The Tourmaline Rose, who was twelfth at Blair last year but retired on the cross country at Bramham.

Gifford, who rode two of the most impressive rounds of the day at both Gatcombe and Burghley, is riding Quart Glass, aged nine, who fell at Bramham in June.

There are no blemishes to date on William Fox-Pitt's new horse, Tawny Owl. The highly-rated eight-year-old had a double clear round at the two-star Maisons-Laffitte event in the spring and was third in the advanced at Gatcombe.



Zülle, of Switzerland, left, who retained the overall lead, and his team-mate, Melchor Mauri, of Spain, race out the eleventh stage

Di Renzo takes stage with early break

MARCO DI RENZO, of Italy, made the first successful breakaway after 11 days of racing in the Tour of Spain to take the 197-kilometre eleventh stage of the race from Avila to Salamanca yesterday.

In the final kilometre, Di Renzo surged ahead of Ignacio Garcia Camacho, of Spain, his partner, after the two had started an early break at the 50-kilometre mark. For a time, the pack attempted to haul in the pair, who stretched their lead to nearly 13 minutes. But they eventually gave up the chase and were still more than eight minutes behind the leader 30 kilometres from the line, finally closing to within 4½ minutes on provisional times.

It was Di Renzo's most important win and due reward after several earlier stages in which he had struggled to lead breakaways. All the earlier stages, apart from the time-trial on Tuesday, had ended in mass sprints.

Despite the Italian's success, however, Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, who finished down the field, retained the overall lead, with Miguel Induráin, of Spain, and Laurent Jalabert, of France, just over a minute behind in second and third places.

Several riders have pulled out, notably Francesco Casagrande, of Italy, who had ridden a bad time-trial on Tuesday.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

When you have a two-way finesse, there are often indicators as to which way to take it. This example is from the quarter-finals of this year's Hubert Phillips Cup, between Quibell and Brock.

Dealer North — **Game all** — **Total point scoring**

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W	N	E	S
—	1 H	3 D(1)	3 S
4 D	5 D	Pass	6 S
All Pass			

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: the three of diamonds

(1) Weak.

The declarer was Raymond Brock. He ruffed the diamond lead in dummy and led the eight of spades to the king. He continued with a heart towards dummy — safe enough, as East would presumably have doubled Six Spades with a void heart. The reason for playing on hearts was they might be three-three, in which case declarer would not need more than two club tricks; if hearts were not three-three, he wanted to get a count before tackling the clubs.

West split his heart honours, Brock took the ace and returned to hand by playing the ten of spades to the queen. He then played a second heart. When West took the jack he was already end-played. But as he could work out that declarer must be 6-2-1-4, he did the best he could by playing a second diamond. Brock ruffed that in dummy with the ace of spades, and now had to decide who had the queen of clubs.

By now, West had turned up with two spades and five hearts. What was the diamond position? It was inconceivable that East could have as many as nine of them and only bid Three Diamonds. Hence West had at least four diamonds and so at most two clubs. Thus East had more clubs than West and that made the odds in favour of playing East for the queen. That was what Brock did, bringing home the contract.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Chess Olympiad

England's fine start to the Chess Olympiad in Erevan, Armenia, continued when the men defeated Denmark 3-1 in the second round. Russia have seven points after two rounds, with England on 6½. The England women's team beat India 2-1.

Back marker

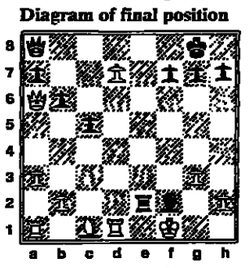
The last-placed player in the Donner Memorial in Amsterdam was the young Russian grandmaster, Alexander Morozevich. Morozevich is noted for the unbridled aggression of his ideas and his games are always entertaining. However, as we can see from today's samples of his play, this can lead not just to remarkable victories but to catastrophic and speedy defeats. Unsurprisingly, Morozevich is a great favourite with spectators.

White: Jeroen Piket
Black: Alexander Morozevich
Amsterdam, August 1996

1. Catalan Opening

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	d5
4	g3	c6
5	Bg2	Be7
6	0-0	0-0
7	Qc2	b6
8	Rd1	Bb7
9	Nc3	Na6
10	a3	Qc8
11	e4	Nxe4
12	Nxe4	dxe4
13	Qxe4	c5
14	d5	Re8
15	Qc2	exd5
16	cxd5	Qd8
17	d6	Bxd3
18	Bxd3	Bf6
19	Bxa8	Qxa8
20	Qa4	Bd4
21	d7	Re2
22	Qxa6	Bxf2+
23	Kf1	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



White: Loek van Wely
Black: Alexander Morozevich
Amsterdam, August 1996

2. Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	g3	c5
5	Nf3	Nc6
6	d5	Na5
7	Nd2	b6
8	Qc2	0-0
9	Bg2	Bxc3
10	Qxc3	exd5
11	cxd5	Re8
12	b3	Ba6
13	Bf3	d6
14	Bb2	Re7
15	a4	Qf8
16	Nc4	Ne4
17	Qc2	Rae8
18	e3	f5
19	0-0	Qf7
20	Rad1	Qg6
21	Rfe1	Nxc4
22	bxc4	f4
23	Kg2	Bc8
24	Qe2	Ng5
25	Bh5	f3+
26	Bxf3	Nxf3
27	Qxf3	Bg4
28	Qf4	Re4

White resigns

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HEMULE
a. A roebuck
b. A Greek accent
c. Chickpea stew

JHOW
a. A Euphrates punt
b. A Chinese pot

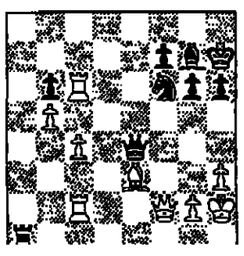
HETAERIO
a. A brothel
b. A fruit like a strawberry
c. The Spartan Band

JULIENNE
a. A floppy hat
b. Carrot soup
c. A country dance

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Blanco — Martinez, Cuba 1996. White has the material advantage of rook for knight but his king lacks protection and the black pieces have assumed powerful outposts. How did Black now exploit the excellent activity of his pieces?



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LEGAL NOTICES

CASE NO: CA 1418/96
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL INVESTMENTS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 21st August 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of Capital of the above-named Company from £7,743,583.00 to £1,592,583.00.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before His Honour Judge Maddocks at QEZ Law Courts, Derby Square, Liverpool on Thursday the 26th day of September 1996

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this the 19th day of September 1996
DAVIES ARNOLD COOPER of 60 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2FE
Solicitors for the above-named Company

The Insolvency Act 1986
TEAMWORK ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FCPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the

In the matter of Fairbairn European Smaller Companies Index Trust plc
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the joint liquidator of the above company intend to make a distribution to the creditors of the company within four months from 18 October 1996. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims to the joint liquidator at KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 18 October 1996 which is the last day for proving claims. The full details of claims, referred to above, must include the creditor's name and address, the amount of the claim and particulars of how and when the debt was incurred by the company.
Notice is also given that the intended distribution is a final distribution and will be made without regard to any claims not made by the last day for proving claims. All funds remaining in the joint liquidators' hands following the final distribution to creditors shall be distributed to shareholders absolutely
Note: the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date: 10 September 1996
R Smith
Joint Liquidator

T & H CRATHORNE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID ALAN ROLFH of MOORE STEPHENS BOOTH WHITE, 1 SNOW HILL, LONDON, EC1A was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 9th September 1996.
Creditors are required, on or before 16th October 1996, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 11th day of Septem-

In the matter of Fenshaw Developments Ltd
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street London EC4A 4PP, on 11 October 1996 at 10.30 am for the purpose of receiving the report of the administrative receivers and, if though fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 10 October 1996 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Date 16 September 1996
RH Oldfield
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF Speyhawk Enterprises Limited
(In Liquidation)
The liquidators of Speyhawk Enterprises Limited gives notice under the provisions of rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that they intend to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company on 11 October 1996.
Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidators Peter Norman Spratt and Dipankar Mohan Ghosh of Price Waterhouse at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB by 10 October 1996 which is the last day for submitting Claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date will not be included in the proposed interim distribution
Date: 12 September 1996
P N Spratt

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF Pilmicione Holdings Limited
(In Liquidation)
The liquidators of Pilmicione Holdings Limited gives notice under the provisions of rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that they intend to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company on 11 October 1996.
Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidators Peter Norman Spratt and Dipankar Mohan Ghosh of Price Waterhouse at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB by 10 October 1996 which is the last day for submitting Claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date will not be included in the proposed interim distribution.
Date 12 September 1996
P N Spratt
Joint Liquidator

K.J. SUPPLIES
(NORBURY) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on 1st October 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 16th September 1996

STOKE ON TRENT COLLEGE
(PROPERTY MANAGEMENT) LIMITED
Registered in England
No. 2912039
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act"), that Stoke on Trent College (Property Management) Limited ("the Company") has approved by special resolution a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own Ordinary Shares. The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £2,714,000. The special resolution granting approval was passed on 16 September 1996.
The statutory declaration of the directors of the Company and the auditors' report, both required by section 173 of the Act, are available for inspection by any member or creditor of the Company at the Company's registered office during normal business hours. Any creditor of the Company is entitled at any time within the period of five weeks commencing 16 September 1996 to apply to the court under section 176 of the Act for an order prohibiting payment out of capital.
By Order of the Board
Neil Jeffrey Preston, Director
Registered Office
Cauldon Campus
Stoke Road
Shelton
Stoke on Trent
ST4 2DG

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The Guild of Air Pilots Benevolent Fund
Scheme to widen objects of the Charity
Reference: ML-18838-CD(Ldn)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at 99 Beechwood Avenues, St. Albans, Herts or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made in writing within

GOLF: LEADERSHIP ROLE IN TEAM CONTESTS INCREASINGLY TAKES ON GREATER SIGNIFICANCE

Captains call shots in battle of wits



Rankin: mind games

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MICKEY WALKER, of Europe, and Judy Rankin, of the United States, will be in the spotlight no less than their players in the Solheim Cup at St Pierre this weekend. The reasons for this will differ, however. While the 24 members of their teams will hit the shots, Walker and Rankin, the two captains, will call the shots.

Suddenly, captaincy in team events in golf has become as important as playing. This is largely because of European successes at recent Ryder, Walker and Curtis Cups. Tony Jacklin started it in 1983, his first Ryder Cup as captain, when he demonstrated the art of hands-on captaincy to such good effect that a Europe team not significantly different from that which had been crushed by nine points in 1981 this time lost by only one point.

United States captains, by contrast, have traditionally been less involved than their European counterparts because of the strength of their teams. Their viewpoint was expressed by an American captain of recent memory who said: "I've got 12 of the best players in the world. Who am I to tell them what to do? I shall just toss their names into the air and see how they fall."

Walker, 43, is becoming experienced at the art of captaincy now that she is in charge of a Solheim Cup team for the fourth time. "I know what to expect," Walker said. Rankin, on the other hand, is captaining a team, any team, for the first time and her diplomacy was tested soon after her arrival at Chepstow when she was asked about apparent excessive partisanship demonstrated by Dottie Pepper in this event two years ago.

"I have had several conversations with Dottie," Rankin, a 51-year-old former professional who now commentates on golf on American television, said. "I put it down to her having the temperament of a redhead, but she is back to blonde now and very charming. I assure you she is the staunchest of competitors, but not rude."

Rankin needs no reminding that the United States do not hold any of the Ryder, Walker or Curtis Cups and again demonstrated her diplomacy when she said: "The fact that the Europeans hold the three other trophies only attests to the fact that our task is a tough one. I choose not to think of this as pressure on us. There are 13 of us who have a great desire not to lose.

"Captaincy brings out some maternal aspects, some nursing aspects and some coaching aspects," Rankin continued. "It also involves mind games with yourself in the middle of the night about pairings. It is fun and very interesting and something I am very happy I did not miss out on in my time in golf. I have not slept well for quite a few nights."

Walker gives the appearance of enjoying uninterrupted sleep. She appears to have an iron fist well contained within a velvet glove and talks of getting to know her players' personalities so well that she knows what newspaper they read and what sort of jam they eat at breakfast. Films of the Europe victory at Dalmahoy four years ago are in the team room and Walker also has other techniques up her sleeve to motivate the Europe team.

She rarely seems flustered or angry and openly admits she has grown into the job. "I am flexible, easygoing but determined and decisive," Walker said of her style of captaincy.

"I listen, but I make my own decisions. Obviously, my team know a thing or two and I learn from them. If they convince me to do something, I will do it but, if I disagree, I will do it my way."

It will be interesting over the course of this match to see which captain prevails.

RADIO CHOICE

The secret of carrying on

How to Survive in Further Education. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

Further education teacher Daphne Glazer has a northerner's sense of humour, sure-footed, non-nonsensical and, when other folk are not looking at her, non-sentimental. She needed all these qualities when, as she recounted last week, she survived in Nigeria during a bloody civil war and then escaped thanks to, of all things, her skill in teaching German. Tonight she tells how she survived as lecturer in English and general studies at a Hull college of further education. General studies were rooted in the belief (not hers) that non-arts students such as plumbers and fabrication and welding apprentices — inevitably nicknamed fabwelds — needed to be humanised. Surely this need was urgent in the case of the department head who used to discourse, albeit illuminatingly, on Roman drains.

Dangerous Samples. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

John Pilkington's fantasy about Alfred Nobel, begetter of dynamite and peace prize, has found an effective (though scarcely novel) way of dramatising the seeming contraditions in him. On his deathbed, he is transported to the underworld where a welcoming committee proves to be anything but. Jeers greet his protestations that he did not invent war but that, on the contrary, he dreamt of ending it. History still can't decide whether Nobel did more good than harm, but Pilkington's play finds a clever way around the dilemma. Robin Soans's disorientated Nobel is a *tour de force*.

Peter Davalle

Awesome Davies is everyone's favourite

Andrew Longmore
on the popular golfer aiming to land the big gamble with a victory for Europe

The week of the Solheim Cup has started promisingly for Laura Davies. Yesterday, in partnership with Lisa Hackney, she won a sweater of her choice off Alison Nicholas and Trish Johnson after a ferociously fought practice round, won by a hole. The previous evening, she took the caddies for a bob or two on the pool table, some reparation at least for the £500,000 losses Davies has owned up to in her autobiography, published this week.

Whether she can tilt the odds in favour of the Europe team is a different matter. Ladbrokes make the United States team, the Solheim Cup holders, the 4-7 favourites, with Europe at 13-8, a tempting price for a punter of Davies's bravado. As if she needed extra excitement in her life; as if her golf was not gripping enough. Take yesterday and an innocuous practice round at St Pierre.

Had the United States team tuned into the British foursome on the 9th, a straightforward par four, their laughter would have echoed down the Severn. There is only one area of danger, a bunker and a tree on the right side of the fairway. With commendable team spirit, the four followed each other into trouble, like lemmings over a cliff — Johnson and Hackney behind the tree. Nicholas virtually unplayable at the edge of the bunker and Davies, with typical extravagance, in deep rough a yard or two further on and further right. A swift hack of those muscular forearms and the ball disappeared into a thicket.

Davies, her famed sense of humour for once deserting her, stalked up the fairway and, for want of something to do, threw a ball or two into the greenside bunker. The first splash out plopped onto the green well short of the hole, the second nearly decapitated Nicholas's caddie. "Sorted that out then," she said to no one in particular. "Can't play bunker shots either."

The next hole paid for the ignominy, though. On the 540-yard par five, against a brisk headwind, Davies smote a driver over a giant beech tree — "that's one way of doing it," Nicholas remarked — and then hit a three-wood dead straight, 20 feet short of the pin. The eagle putt missed by a whisker.

"The thing about Laura is not just her length, she hits the ball so high," her caddie and cousin, Matthew Adams, said. "We can aim for targets most of the other girls cannot contemplate." It sounded like the lager advertisement, but you knew what he meant. On song, Davies plays a course so different from the rest, Adams's yardage charts would satisfy Nick Faldo. "Awesome," as Brandie Burton, the Californian, put it. "She's taken the world by storm this year. But, more than that, she's such a good friend, I can't say anything bad about her at all." Even the prickly Dottie Pepper (formerly Mochrie) would struggle to find the right insult.

Rarely does a great champion, particularly one with a second-hand Ferrari in the garage and an overwhelming fondness for the good life, command such universal warmth from friend and foe alike. Greg Norman, fellow occupant of the fast lane and fellow charger on the course, excites as much envy as admiration on the men's tour. The Australian would surely love to have Davies's nerve for the big occasions.

So, doubtless, would many of the United States and Europe team members over the next few days. "Serious? Christ, yes, of course it's serious," Davies said. "No one wants to lose, but we want to enjoy it, win or lose. I think that's the key. I'm certainly not going to cry if we lose."

Little in Davies's life could be termed serious. Liverpool losing would be serious, or being bowled for nought in one of the impromptu cricket games organised on tour. One of her dogs — Ben or Dudley — eating the new carpet might be a touch irritating. Oh, yes, and journalists can be seriously irritating, particularly when they jump on the bandwagon, take a paragraph from her book and brand her a chronic gambler and spendthrift.

"What annoys me is when people make a big thing of the gambling," she said. "That makes them interested, but winning two majors doesn't."

HUW EVANS



Davies plots the downfall of the United States team in the Solheim Cup during practice yesterday

'She is such a good friend, I can't think of anything bad to say about her'

She has barely raised a mention in the golfing trade press this season, despite winning seven tournaments and £750,000 in prize-money.

"To be honest, I couldn't give a monkey's if my picture never appears in the paper again. But I do care when they say something stupid about me," she admitted. "It doesn't fire me up. I just say next time those people want an interview, they can go and get stuffed." From one of the most approachable and eloquent people in sport, that is a rare tantrum, soon calmed.

Mickey Walker, captain of the Europe team, has described Davies as her side's Seve Ballesteros. Davies, 33 next month, will have none of it. "No one person can make that much difference in a team event. All 12 of us have to play well," she said. But, like the Spaniard, Davies is the talisman, the psychological rock of the Europe team, the one player everyone wants on their side. For the record, she is 7-2 to finish top points-scorer for Europe, which just might be worth a bet.

☐ *Laura Davies — Naturally*, published by Bloomsbury, £16.99.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session, 9.00 Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Claire Sturgess 4.00 Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Martin Kelner incl 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines. Roy Hudd, June Whitfield and Chris Emmett. With music from Peter Moss and the Huddliners 7.30 David Allan. The best in country music 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 Daniel O'Donnell's Musical Clan (6/6) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Meir, incl 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 David Gower's Cricket Weekly. David and his guests discuss the week's sporting issues 9.05 SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd 9.35 America Grafitti 10.05 News Talk, with Paul Reynolds 11.00 Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson 12.05am After Hours — Early Call 2.05 Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sport 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 5.30 Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.05 The World Today 7.30 Sports International 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Off the Shelf: *Tender is the Night* (14/20) 8.30 Network UK 9.15 Composer of the Month 9.45 Health Matters 10.05 Business 10.15 Sports International 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.30pm Meridian 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Islam, Faith and Power 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack: X Press 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Take Five 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 Islam, Faith and Power 9.01 Outlook 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 John Peel 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.10am Take Five 12.15 Soundbyte 12.30 Rock Salad 1.30 Good Books 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.30 Thirty-Minute Drama: *The End of Lieutenant Burovka* 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Breakfast Show 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto in D minor, Op. 30 No 3) 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.00 Classic Newsnight 6.30 Sonata Vivaldi (Oboe Sonata in C minor) 7.00 Travel Guide: Latvia 8.00 Evening Concert. Vivaldi (Double Flute Concerto in C); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto in D, No 5) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air.** Respighi (Poema Autunnale); Beethoven (String Quartet in G, Op 18 No 2); Monteverdi (Magnificat a 8); Britten (Canticle No 4: Journey of the Magi); Berwald (Septet in B flat)
9.00 **Morning Collection,** with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Johann Strauss, son (Waltz: Voices of Spring); Loewe (Archibald Douglas); Khachaturian (Violin Concerto)
10.00 **Musical Encounters.** Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 4 in A minor); Clementi (Sonata in F minor, Op 13 No 6); Zamboni (Sonata No 3); Roussel (Spider's Banquet); Mozart (Duet in G, K423); Chopin (Scherzo in B flat minor, Op 31)
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Dvořák**
1.00pm **We Must Get Together Some Time.** Gordon Stewart introduces a selection of excerpts from various ensembles, featuring a number of operatic stars (2/3) (r)
2.00 **Couperin and the Viol.** Laurence Dreyfus introduces music for viols performed on period instruments. With Jonathan Manson, viola da gamba, and Ketil Haugsand, harpsichord
3.45 **The BBC Orchestras.** BBC Symphony, under Dmitri Kitaenko. With Christine Brewer, soprano, Hilary Summers, contralto, Keith Lewis, tenor, and Robert Lloyd, bass. Schnittke (Symphony No 2); Bruckner (Te Deum); Scriabin (Poeme de l'extase)
5.00 **Music Machine,** with Tommy Pearson
5.15 **In Tune: The Leeds International Piano Competition.** Mairi Nicolson interviews Michael Rolf, a previous winner. Plus a preview of the concerto finals on Saturday and Sunday
7.30 **Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall.** The Hallé Orchestra under Kent Nagano play a wide range of music from the newly-opened Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. John Adams (Slonimsky's Earbox); Thomas Ades (These Premises are Alarmed) Debussy, arr Adams (Le Livre de Baudelaire); Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring)
9.10 **Novelists.** Rachel Cusk reads from *The Country Life*
9.30 **La Bonne Chanson.** Includes songs by Debussy and Delius
10.00 **Music Restored.** George Pratt introduces music from the 1996 York Early Music Festival
10.45 **Night Waves.** Margaret Atwood talks to Michèle Roberts about her new novel *Alias Grace*, which examines the story behind the murder of Thomas Kinnear and his lover — one of the most notorious crimes in 19th-century Canada. Plus a review of the world premiere of *Ashes to Ashes*, a play written and directed by Harold Pinter
11.30 **Composer of the Week: Bach** (r)
12.30am **Jazz Notes**
1.00 **Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 **Today,** incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport and 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 My Name Escapes Me. Sir Alec Guinness reads his own "diary of a retiring actor" (4/5) 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News**
9.05 **Face the Facts** (r)
9.30 **Common Ground**
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW)
10.15 **On This Day** (LW)
10.00 **News; Boomerang.** Drama with Keith Barron and Brigit Forsyth (4/4)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**
11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent**
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25am **Slightly Foxed.** Literary quiz with Gill Pyrah 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Dangerous Samples.** Sea Choice
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**
4.00 **News**
4.05 **Kaleidoscope.** Paul Vaughan sees a production of the Oedipus plays at the National Theatre and reads Hermione Lee's biography of Virginia Woolf
4.45 **Short Story: Under the Skin,** by C.J. Johnston.
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Doon Your Way.** A radio showcase for comedy actress Doon Mackichan. Join DJ Chantal and a host of local characters as Flush FM broadcasts from a portalloo in Peckham High Street. With Pam Ferris, Lesley Sharp and Phil Cornwell
7.00 **News**
7.05 **The Archers.** Stomach upset at Nelson's
7.20 **Diverging Dominions.** Canada is going through an identity crisis, and not just over the Quebec issue. Eighty nationalities live there and everyone is talking about separation and self-determination. Former Prime Minister Kim Campbell talks with fellow Canadians, including the present Prime Minister, Jean Chrétien, about the glue that might hold Canada together (r)
8.00 **20/20: A View of the Century — Killing** (r)
8.45 **How to Survive in Further Education.** See Choice (2/2)
9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?** With Frederick Dove
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Jeremy Harris
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Nation's Favourite Poems**
11.00 **Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter.** Mario Vargas Llosa's comic novel dramatised in six parts by Lee Hall. With Tom Hollander, Siobhan Redmond, John Sessions and Alex Lowe (4/6)
11.30 **Offspring** (r)
12.00 **News** incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30 **The Late Book: Amongst Women.** Tony Doyle reads John McGahern's story. Rose and Moran marry (4/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 **As World Service**

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 41

HEMULE
(a) A roebuck of the third year. A word of uncertain form. The Book of St Albans has *hemule*. Later writers (whose information seems to be entirely derived from the Book of St Albans) have *hemuse*. An *l* and a long *s* are easily confused in 15th-century writing. "The fawne of a Rowe is called the first yeare a kidde, the second a gyrle: the third year an hemuse."

JHOW
(c) A shrubby tamarisk (*Tamarix indica*), frequent in the marshes of the Indian rivers, and used for basket-making and other purposes. From the Hindi *jhā'u*. "A low, but in some places thick jhow jungle."

HETAERIO
(b) A fruit consisting of a collection of indehiscent carpels, either dry or succulent, upon a common receptacle; as that of the buttercup, strawberry, raspberry, etc. From the Greek *hetairos* an associate. "In the raspberry and bramble we have a kind of hetaerio formed of a number of little drupes, or drupels."

JULIENNE
(b) A soup made of various vegetables, especially carrots, chopped and cooked in meat broth. An eponym from some forgotten chef *Jules* or *Julien*. "The best part of a pint of julienne is very well for a man who has only one dish besides to devour."

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FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
10.30, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Durham
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Glamorgan
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Kent
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Middlesex
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire
HOVE: Sussex v Somerset
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Lancashire

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Swindon v Tottenham (2.0).
PONTINS LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham Forest v Derby (7.0); Bolton v Leeds (7.0).
WELSH CUP: First round replays: Mostyn v Llanducno; Brymbo Broughton v Llanidloes
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Whitchurch v Brockenhurst.
FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Bognor Regis v Burgess Hill; Southwick v Raynes Park Vale; Lancaster v Barnsley; Worksop v Bury; Northwich v Cheadle; Nantwich v Port Vale; St Albans v Waltham Abbey. Preliminary round replay: Worcester v Mangotsfield; Hastings v Whitstable; Farsley Celtic v Scunthorpe.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Boxing Organization light-middleweight championship: Ronald Wright (US, holder) v Steve Foster (Salford) (in Manchester).
EQUESTRIANISM: Blenheim Horse Trials
GOLF: Loch Lomond World Invitational (Glasgow).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: London v Oxford (7.30); Middlesbrough v Bradford (7.30); Sheffield v Coventry (7.45).
TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (Birmingham).

Leading Americans immune to Loch Lomond's charms

BY MEL WEBB

THIS year European, with small American connections: one day soon, the whole wide world. The Loch Lomond World Invitational, which starts today, has lofty aspirations, and they extend all over the planet.

Lyle Anderson, the American owner of Loch Lomond Golf Club, has invested millions in his efforts to make his course one of the most beautiful and testing in the world. Unequivocally, he has succeeded. Anderson, who sounds Scottish but isn't (he is of Italian and Norwegian descent) has dug deeply into his admittedly capacious pockets to make the first big tournament to be held on the loch's bonny, bonny banks a success.

The criteria he laid down for those who would play leant heavily on quality. Not a brass farthing would be offered in appearance money, but there would be a big purse [£750,000], the leading 60 players in the world rankings would be invited and there would be spots for leading senior professionals from both sides of the Atlantic. This was truly going to be a world event.

Except that it is not, not quite, not yet. The high-flown title of the event is not yet matched by the strength in depth of the field. Admittedly, Nick Faldo is here, so that puts a feather in Anderson's cap, but for this year the truth is that this is just another PGA European Tour event, albeit tuned up a little by a handful of American tour players.

Only a dozen of the world top 60 are present and just two of the top 20 — Faldo and Colin Montgomerie. On the credit side, only Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer are missing from last year's Ryder Cup team.

On Sunday, Tim Finchem, the commissioner of the US PGA Tour, and Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, announced the formation of the PGA Tours International Federation, the main purpose of which would be to establish a mini-series of world championship events in which the best players would appear. Anderson would quite clearly like this tournament to be spoken of in the same breath, and will not be content until it is.

There was a small, strange moment at his press conference yesterday when his ambitions became crystal clear. "I'm happy about the date of the tournament, in that it comes after the other majors have been played," he said. *Other* majors? It may have been a slip of the tongue, but if it was, it had Freudian overtones.

Montgomerie, who continues his battle with Ian Woosnam for the No 1 spot in the European money-list, said yesterday that he would take even par for the tournament if it were offered him, so testing was the lay-out. If the quality of the course on which a tournament is played is any criterion, this one is heading upwards, ever upwards.

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Uncommon courage and indomitable will

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Desmond Wilcox and his wife Esther Rantzen are what is known as a successful media couple, meaning that they are unmercifully barracked by media diarists, media analysts and of course *Private Eye*. But this, to amend Rod Steiger, does not make them bad people.

Until recent years, anybody reading the cuttings on Wilcox-Rantzen could be forgiven for thinking that they were running the BBC, if not the entire country, and that Rantzen, in particular, was a dreadful harridan who ranted at subordinates and terrorised superiors.

These images always looked simplistic, to say the least, but lots of us had lots of fun while Wilcox-Rantzen, separately and together, blithely went on producing pretty good, and sometimes excellent, programmes.

So to praise a documentary which was produced and narrated by Wilcox and contained an interview conducted by Rantzen is to invite scorn and blackballing from the Groucho Club. Oh well. I can live with that. Last night's **The Visit: Rebecca's Secret** (ITV) was, in the only word that fits, brilliant.

Wilcox and Rantzen have been accused over the years of manipulating audience emotions. So bland has television become and so cynical are parts of the media than when a television viewer is moved nearly to tears and angered fit to shout, he or she is supposed to snap to attention, shake off these honest responses and wonder if manipulation is going on. I was moved and angered last night. If I was manipulated, jolly good.

The story that Wilcox told concerns two people who are dead from Aids and one who soon will be. Rebecca Handel, from London, and her then husband David, a Canadian, had gone to live in Canada, where Rebecca gave birth to two children, Joshua and Bonnie.

Bonnie became weak in the womb and was given a pioneering treatment, an intra-uterine blood transfusion. This was 1981, when blood could not be tested for HIV. The blood Bonnie got was infected: she acquired Aids, as did her mother and father.

There is nothing worse than that, but there is something nearly as bad. Doctors insisted that Bonnie's condition be kept secret: she was not to tell anybody. There would be a stigma, they said. Bonnie would be taunted and shunned. I expect they were right about the stigma, but surely to inflict secrecy on a little girl dying from Aids is a punishment too far.

Bonnie wrote poems. Wilcox put one of them on screen: I do not like it being a secret/ But I promised I would keep it/ When I play I want to say, I have HIV/ But no, it's a secret/And I keep it to myself.

Rebecca and Bonnie and David wanted Wilcox to film the story for showing after Rebecca and Bonnie had died. Bonnie died in 1993, aged 12, Rebecca a year later, aged 36. It was Rebecca that Rantzen interviewed. Here was a woman of tremendous dignity, frustrated only because there was nobody to blame for her condition.

Her composure was staggering and she fitted the sublime definition of courage: grace under pressure. But who is to blame for the condition of a society that stigmatises a child Aids victim? Or any Aids victim? That would be a whole other programme, but I think the answer lies in a mirror. We have got our response to this disease all wrong and part of the reason is homophobia, even in cases, such as this one, where homosexuals are not involved.

This is a disgraceful state of affairs and in a scintillating hour last night Desmond Wilcox demonstrated the extent of the shame we should feel without even raising the matter directly. Challenging television is the best kind, and this was that.

Were it not for *The Visit*, the pick of last night's viewing would have been the start of a series called **Decisive Weapons** (BBC2). Not the least of the assets of this series is that its title is self-explanatory, rather than having been thought up by some clever clogs who should be attending Puns Anonymous.

The first programme featured the T-34, which is not a rap band but a tank. A tank? The tank. The T-34 stopped Hitler's eastward advance into the former Soviet Union almost on its own, culminating in the Battle of Kursk in 1943, a confrontation so intense that at times opposing tanks were ramming each other.

I am fond of massive weapons such as tanks, submarines and battleships. Dear me, what have I said now? What I mean is that these great machines are awesome in the classic sense: merely by their existence they represent a certainty. They brook no argument.

The impressive thing about this programme was what it had to say, by implication, about high-tech weaponry. The T-34 was simple: it was big, fast and shells bounced off it. Hitler ranged against it an increasingly techno-complex generation of tanks which took too long to build and were fiddly to operate.

And then there was the workforce. In the Soviet Union, an entire nation came together to work like stink to build tanks. They turned out 15,000 T-34s in 1943 alone, whereas Hitler's factories could only produce 6,000 Tigers that year. The Soviet workforce, which included girls so young they had to stand on boxes to reach the workbench, were working for their very lives.

They preferred Stalin, the despot they knew, to Hitler, the despot they didn't. They sent out from their factories a weapon that could mow down trees the way a Flymo mows down grass. The T-34 was fuelled by the will of the people, the most decisive weapon of all.

● *Matthew Bond is away*

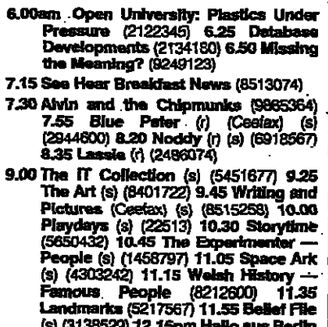
BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (10819)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (34890)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (8491345)
9.20 Style Challenge (s) (9251839)
9.45 Kilroy (s) (1106345)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (10635)
11.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (4495277)
11.05 International Golf. Coverage of the first morning's play in the Loch Lomond invitational competition (32516364)
1.00pm News and weather (Ceefax) (44277)
1.30 Regional News (45075155)
1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (32416074)
2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6081567) **2.35 Turnabout** (s) (1610345) **3.00 The Terrace** (s) (7987)
3.30 Little Bear (s) (8571987) **3.55 The Chipmunks** (r) (s) (8904906) **4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde** (Ceefax) (s) (6066451) **4.35 Clarissa Explains It All** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4624722) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7714838) **5.10 Byker Grove** (r) (Ceefax) (2354797)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (164345)
6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (529)
6.30 Regional news magazines (109)
7.00 Watchdog. Consumer magazine hosted by Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (6068)
7.30 EastEnders. Ian and Cindy battle over the children (Ceefax) (s) (203)
8.00 Animal Hospital. New vet Andrea Kealey, originally from New Zealand, has been working for four months and has already come face to face with a tortoise for the first time, been bitten by a hamster and carried out her first Caesarean operation (Ceefax) (s) (8616)
8.30 The Hello Girls. Ronnie, fed up with the staid music which switchboard supervisor Miss Armitage makes them sing in the GPO choir, decides to set up her own group — the Telelones. With Letitia Dean (Ceefax) (s) (2221)
9.00 News; regional news and weather (Ceefax) (3890)
9.30 The X Files: Paper Clip. An old photograph helps Mulder and Scully to unearth an ugly truth that reveals a dark secret that Mulder's father was trying to protect him from (Ceefax) (s) (861426)
10.15 They Think It's All Over. Nick Hancock competes a game of wit and sporting knowledge with a difference. Team captains Gary Lineker and David Gower are joined by regulars Rory McGrath and Lee Hurst. Tonight's special guests are Jimmy "Five Bellies" Gardener and Allstair McGowan (Ceefax) (s) (313548)
10.45 You Decide. Jeremy Paxman hosts a studio discussion on a topical issue. Last in the series (s) (452567)
11.40 FILM: The Group (1966) starring Candice Bergen, Joan Hackett, Elizabeth Hartman, Shirley Knight, Joanna Pettet and Mary-Robin Redd. Powerful emotional drama adapted from Mary McCarthy's novel, following eight friends who graduate from an elite college in 1933, and whose lives take very different directions over the coming years. Directed by Sidney Lumet (68738797)
2.05am-2.10 Weather (5287575)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Plastics Under Pressure (2122345) **6.25 Database Developments** (2134180) **6.50 Missing the Meaning?** (9249123)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (8513074)
7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9865364) **7.55 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2944600) **8.20 Noddy** (r) (s) (6918567) **8.35 Lassie** (r) (2486074)
9.00 The IT Collection (s) (5451677) **9.25 The Art** (s) (8401722) **9.45 Writing and Pictures** (Ceefax) (s) (8515258) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (22513) **10.30 Storytime** (5650432) **10.45 The Experimenter — People** (s) (1458797) **11.05 Space Ark** (s) (4303242) **11.15 Welsh History — Famous People** (8212600) **11.35 Landmarks** (5217567) **11.55 Belief File** (s) (3138523) **12.15pm Hallo aus Berlin** (s) (2907278) **12.30 Working Lunch** (57600) **1.00 Lifeschool** (s) (58943884) **1.25 Mad about Music** (s) (73831258) **1.45 Numbertime** (s) (45158432) **2.00 Noddy** (61163797)
2.10 International Golf. Live coverage from the Loch Lomond World Invitational competition (s). Includes News at **3.00pm** and **3.55pm** (10943884)
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (522722)
6.45 Kicking and Screaming. Club chairmen, television moguls, hooligans and fans look back at the developments within the game over the last decade. Last in series (r) (Ceefax) (s) (564513)
7.30 The Food Chain. Concluding the three-part series looking at what we eat. Jancis Robinson looks at how genetic engineering has given food technologists the power to manipulate nature and develop new plants and animals that would never have arisen naturally (s) (635)



Rosemary Scott Smith (8.00pm)

8.00 Picture This: Album. Gillian Lacey attempts to trace the history of a family photograph album dating back before the First World War (Ceefax) (s) (6258) **N.I. Room For Improvement**
8.30 Top Gear. Tiff Needell road-tests the Boxster, the first new Porsche for almost 20 years (Ceefax) (s) (8093)
9.00 Neverwhere: Knightsbridge. (2/3) Richard Mayhew searches for Door and the Marquis, who hold the key to his return to his old life (Ceefax) (s) (1432)
9.30 The System: The Nature of The Beast (Ceefax) (88600)
10.30 Newsnight Ceefax) (238074)
11.15 The Late Review (s). Followed by **Weatherview** (853567)
12.00 The Limit: Trickiest Tunnel. (21846)
12.30am Open University: Changes in Rural Society: Piedmont and Sicily (58662) **1.30 Art and the Left** (88204) **2.00 FETV Short Cuts: Job Seeking and Interviews** (72827) **4.00 Now You're Talking/Poetry of the Nation/Bon Mot: the Harp** (73469)

CHOICE

Taggart: Dead Man's Chest
ITV, 9.00pm

The title of the latest *Taggart* thriller may prepare you for a homage to *Treasure Island* but perhaps not this big a homage. As if a hotel called the *Admiral Benbow*, a blind man, pirates and rumours of buried loot were not enough, there is a bookshop called *Treasure Islands* run by, wait for it, a Robert Stevenson. Only Long John Silver is missing, though with two more episodes to go there is plenty of time. But the story is far from being a pastiche. The borrowings from R.L.S. are smoothly integrated into a typically tough and teasing scenario about a 15-year-old bullion robbery which returns to the police agenda when the ringleader is released from prison. The clues are cunningly laid out and the viewer is always ahead of the detectives.

Canterbury Tales
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Ian Hislop begins a three-part survey of the Church of England in the 20th century. Although he is a practising Anglican, he does not pull punches. But nor, despite being Editor of *Private Eye*, does he resort to mockery. This is a serious attempt to explore why the national Church has had increasingly less influence over the nation. A recurring Hislop theme is the gap between the clergy, public school and Oxbridge educated, and ordinary people. Attempts to reach out into the urban slums were well-meaning but often patronising. In the First World War Anglican chaplains struggled to find common ground with disillusioned soldiers. Hislop's clergy heroes are men who went against the grain, such as "Woodbine Willie", war hero and Christian socialist, and Conrad Noel, who raised the Red Flag in his Essex village church.

The System: The Nature of The Beast
BBC2, 9.30pm

With its annual budget of £90 billion, the Department of Social Security is the biggest spender in Whitehall. Peter Lilley, Secretary of State and radical Thatcherite, is determined to cut it. But, as the first in a five-part series about the British welfare state shows, this is easier said to a receptive Conservative Party conference than done. The assumptions of William Beveridge, whose wartime report inspired the system, are no longer valid. He did not allow for high unemployment, one million lone parents or the rapidly growing number of pensioners. The cameras follow Lilley as he looks for magic solutions and fails to find them. To his credit he refuses a Civil Service suggestion on creative accounting. Another party conference looms and he nervously rehearses his speech, coached by communications expert Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare.

Never Mind the Horrocks
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Jane Horrocks as Marlene Dietrich is underneath the lamplight, singing *Lilli Marlene*, when the light goes out. The light comes back on and then the lamppost falls over. If this tickles you, you should enjoy this Horrocks-centred assembly of sketches and parodies. If not, try the Jane Austen spoof, the nannyish children's television presenter from the black and white days or Cilla Black reporting from Bosnia. Two seasoned comedy hands, Martin Clunes and Rebecca Front, provide expert support. If the point of the exercise was to show that Horrocks is capable of a range wider than willowy young women with Lancashire accents, it succeeds beyond argument. But despite Horrocks's versatility, and the formidable writing team behind her, the overall result is no better than beta minus.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (9924567)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7150600)
9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (3899161)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2577109)
10.35 This Morning (64392345)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7909600)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (2186635)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (2098426) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (s) (3003762) **2.00 Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (s) (97777722) **2.25 Cuisine** (Teletext) (s) (97763529) **2.50 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (7893906)
3.20 News (Teletext) (7899906)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7898277)
3.30 The Riddlers (8076109) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (4204345) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (s) (6974797) **4.05 Scooby Doo** (2798884) **4.15 Woolf** (r) (Teletext) (s) (591762) **4.45 It's a Mystery** (4615074)
5.10 A Country Practice (s) (8429172)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (517068)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (153890)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (311703)
7.00 Emmerdale. Robert is caught out by Sarah, Kathy demands the truth from Sean and things get painful for Kim (Teletext) (7364)
7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murnaghan reveals the tragic yet uplifting story of Annie Lindsell, who at 45 is suffering from creeping paralysis and is determined to get the law changed so her doctors can end her life when she feels the time is right (s) (161)
8.00 The Bill. PC Quinman faces a battle of wits (Teletext) (6684)
8.30 Schofield's TV Gold. Phillip Schofield celebrates the virtues of health, fitness and the great outdoors with this week's collection of classic television moments (Teletext) (s) (2819)



James Macpherson (9.00pm)

9.00 Taggart: Dead Man's Chest (Teletext) (s) (1890)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (24884)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (446616)
10.40 The West Story: Circling the City. Examing the lives and livelihoods of the owner and the taxi drivers of an Asian-run private hire company in Bristol (170155)
11.10 FILM: Brotherhood of the Gun (1991) with Brian Bloom, Jamie Rose and Jorge Cervera Jr. Zach Hollister, a Civil war hero forms an unlikely alliance with a town's patriach, McBride. When McBride's son is kidnapped, Zach and the local sheriff join forces to track down the culprits. Directed by Vern Gillum (532432)
12.35am Not Fade Away (1563488) **1.35 Customs Classified** (2220594) **3.20 Late & Loud** (r) (4853533) **4.15 Sound Bites** (55320223) **4.30 The Time... the Place** (r) (s) (56117) **5.00 Garden Calendar** (r) (24020) **5.30 News**

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (311703)
7.30-8.00 Fishlock's Wild Tracks (161)
10.40 The Ferret. The first of a new consumer advice series (170155)
11.10 A Sporting Double (662659)
12.10am The Big Story (1918198)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Emmerdale (2098426)
1.25-1.55 Quisine (68028529)
1.55 Home and Away (51246857)
2.25 Vanessa (97787109)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1625277)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8429172)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (32345)
10.45 Emergency! (307987)
11.15 The Making of Eraser (224600)
11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (664677)

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As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (2098426)
1.25 Quisine (68028529)
1.55 A Country Practice (32420277)
2.20 Vanessa. A discussion on men who work in a woman's world (97788838)
2.50-3.20 High Road (7893906)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8429172)
6.25 Central News and Weather (178109)
10.40 London Bridge (170155)
11.10 Revelations (803987)
11.40 Crime Story (211567)
12.40am Good Advice (5360372)
12.45 Planet Rock Profiles (45020)
1.15 Funny Business (8283594)
1.40 Not Fade Away (8502136)
2.40 Flux (7903515)
3.30 The Crime Hour (5631730)

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As HTV West except:
12.55 Quisine (2098426)
1.25 Home and Away (68028529)
1.55 Shortland Street (32420277)
2.20 Vanessa (97788838)
2.50-3.20 Houseparty (7893906)
5.10 Home and Away (8429172)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (797)
6.30-7.00 Big Day Out (277)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (384068)
10.45 Film: Cherry 2000 (44790703)
12.40am Not Fade Away (1362662)
5.00 Freescreen (24020)

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Starts: **6.35 Star Street** (3940136) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (54600) **9.00 Bless This House** (61631) **9.30 Schools** (825726) **12.00 Garden Doctors** (21797) **12.30pm Backdate** (59068) **1.00 Slot Melfrin** (37987) **1.30 The Elephant of Timbuktu** (41242) **2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Ayr** (10797) **4.30 The Middle Ages** (154) **5.00 5 Pump: Used 5** (2242) **5.30 Countdown** (426) **6.05 Heno** (465628) **6.35 Jacpot** (320635) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (368600) **7.25 Rownd Pwy Nesa?** (526513) **8.00 Gorau Gwlad** (8426) **8.30 Newyddion** (3161) **9.00 Gwobrau Ffasiwn** (3600) **9.30 Cutting Edge** (9770285) **10.45 Film: Little Man Tate** (1991). A drama starring Adam Hann-Byrd, Dianne Wiest, Harry Connick Jr and, also directing, Jodie Foster (44707093) **12.35am Spin** (1554730)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Star Street (r) (3940136)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (54600)
9.00 Bless This House (s) (61631)
9.30 Schools: Autumn Term Preview Programme (22345) **9.45 The Maths Programme** (82114) **10.05 Scientific Eye** (3496635) **10.25 Geographical Eye** (4625068) **10.45 Le Petit Monde De Pierre** (5577155) **11.00 The English Programme** (1462123) **11.20 Film and Video Showcase** (5417884) **11.40 The Spanish Programme** (3700567)
12.00 Little River Journeys (21797) **12.30pm Backdate** (59068) **1.00 Sesame Street** (43451) **2.00 The Living Sea** (Teletext) (4890)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Ayr (10797)
4.30 Countdown (s) (Teletext) (154) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (s) (Teletext) (2862819) **5.45 Travelog Treks** (s) (Teletext) (881155)
6.00 Eerie Indiana(r) (Teletext) (151432)
6.25 Boy Meets World (s) (Teletext) (169451)
6.55 Fresh Pop (s) (939567)
7.00 Channel 4 News and weather(713432)
7.50 Books of the Century (s) (771890)
8.00 Inside Out. Jackie Rotherham is a midwife and disabled mother who has created a unique post for herself at the Liverpool Women's Hospital (8426)
8.30 Poriqie: Fatal Distraction (3161)



Ian Hislop on the C of E (9.00pm)

9.00 [redacted] Canterbury Tales. Ian Hislop takes a fresh look at the history of the Church of England throughout the 20th century (s) (Teletext) (9432)
10.00 [redacted] Never Mind the Horrocks. Jane Horrocks stars in her own new, one-off programme (s) (Teletext) (543258)
10.50 FILM: Life is Sweet (1990) starring Alison Steadman, Jim Broadbent, Timothy Spall, Jane Horrocks and Claire Skinner. Black comedy about an ordinary couple struggling to cope with their own problems as well as those of their grown-up daughters. Directed by Mike Leigh (s) (Teletext) (44795258)
12.45 FILM: Party Girl (1958) starring Robert Taylor as a lawyer who has earned his fortune as a mouthpiece for mobsters. Finally he decides to go straight, for the love of Cyd Charisse. Directed by Nicholas Ray (895830)
2.35 FILM: The Good Die Young (1954, b/w). British *film noir* starring Laurance Harvey as an amoral, psychotic playboy who incites three men to commit a mailvan robbery, which goes badly wrong. Directed by Lewis Gilbert (221136)
4.25 FILM: Dr Socrates (1935, b/w) starring Paul Muni as a doctor who becomes involved with gangsters when they break into his home seeking treatment. With Grace Stafford (7325681). Ends at **5.35am**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (87906) **8.00** Press Your Luck (73519061) **9.30** Love Connection (85047971) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (1987567) **10.40** Jeopardy! (84642568) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (90367723) **12.00** Geraldo (94109) **1.00pm** Animal Practice (80093) **1.30** Designing Women (74349) **2.00** Jenny Jones (41616) **3.00** Court TV (3703) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (19911180) **4.15** Undun (74341161) **5.00** Quantum Leap (1155) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (83093) **7.00** LAPD (28041) **7.30** MASH (18388) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (4432) **8.30** Southenders (3567) **9.00** The Secrets of the X-Files (20548) **10.00** Quantum Leap (23625) **11.00** Highlanders (64243) **12.00** Midnight Caller (69020) **1.00am** LAPD (41310) **1.30** WKRP in Cincinnati (M)(654881) **2.00** Hit Me (22239552)

SKY 2

7.00am The Simpsons (14220741) **7.30** Sea Rescue (66223345) **8.00** Police Rescue (41129367) **9.00** Bloodlines **11.00**David Letterman (77598967) **12.00** Hit Mix (36669133)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (98155) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (58723) **10.30** ABC Nightline (21180) **11.30** CBS Live (4096382) **2.30pm** CBS News (61561611) **3.10** Court TV (74066838) **5.00** Live at Five (98242) **6.30** Tonight (20513) **7.30** Sports (141801) **8.30** Reuters Reports (698180) **11.30** CBS News (95242) **12.30am** ABC World News (13038) **1.30** Tonight (47676403) **2.10** Court TV (90835941) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (24575) **4.30** CBS News (39310) **5.30** ABC World News (51001)

SKY MOVIES

6.05am The Spy, with My Face (1966) (16157567) **8.00 Flying Down to Rio (1933)** (83068) **10.00 Windwalker (1980)** (79890) **12.00 Danny (1979)** (55619) **2.00pm Cold River (1982)** (14987) **4.00 The Man Who Wouldn't Die (1993)** (9987) **6.00 Follow the River (1995)** (87825109) **7.40 US Top Ten** (5120744) **8.00 Top Dog (1994)** (50451) **9.30 The Movie Show** (80906) **10.00 Robin Cook's Formula for Death (1995)** (447426) **11.35 I'll Do Anything (1994)** (2306838) **1.35am King David (1985)** (816372) **3.25 Surviving the Game (1994)** (62077310)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Father of the Bride (1950) (69161) **2.00pm Beautiful But Dangerous (1952)** (96529) **4.00 The Band Wagon (1953)** (8819) **6.00 Seven Angry Men (1954)** (43203) **8.00 Enemy Mine (1985)** (11838) **10.00 It Lives Again (1978)** (4431190) **11.40 White Mischief (1987)** (1340741) **1.20am Off Limits (1953)** (87407) **3.00 Rancho Notorious (1952)** (18310) **4.30 Father of the Bride (1950)** (94985)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Boop Oop a Doop (1985) (52838) **7.30 Willy Fog** (35161) **9.00 Gabrielle and the Doodleman (1984)** (32971) **10.00 Fail-Safe (1964)** (77432) **12.00 Brigham Young (1940)** (46161) **2.00pm Rise and Walk: The Dennis Byrd Story (1994)** (12529) **4.00 Gabrielle and the Doodleman (1984)** (741231) **5.00 Master of the World (1976)** (42031) **6.00 A Home of Our Own (1994)** (25093) **8.00 Ed McBain's 87th: Precinct: Ice (1996)** (37838) **10.00 Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1994)** (2046425) **12.05am The Pamela Principle 2 (1994)** (4307781) **1.50 Confessions of a Sorority Girl (1994)** (2633865) **3.10 The Damned (1984)** (267223) **4.50-6.00 Boop Oop a Doop (1985)** (5853765)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Bonkers (1534616) **6.25** Mouse Tracks (1516451) **6.50** Darkwing Duck (3114548) **7.15** Quack Attack (5886780) **7.40** Aladdin (1533074) **8.05** Quack Pack (7347277) **8.30** Bonkers (75635) **9.00** Mouse Tracks (89987) **9.30** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (80726) **10.00** Muppet Babies (83797) **10.30** Adventures in Wonderland (83971) **11.00** Quack Attack (72451) **11.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (73180) **12.00** Friggle Rock (79451) **12.30pm** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (80762) **1.00** Quack Pack (86703) **1.30** Aladdin (33203) **2.00** Darkwing Duck (20281) **2.30** Walt Disney Presents (3755364) **3.25** Mouse Tracks (71616535) **3.50** Darkwing Duck (3293987) **4.15** Bonkers (88966716) **4.35** Quack Pack (32688234) **5.00** Aladdin (9548) **5.30** Gkawingo (8161) **6.00** Crossbow (5074) **6.30** Blossom (3436) **7.00** Home Improvement (6884) **7.30 FILM: Once in a Blue Moon** (97192074) **9.05** Blossom (382068) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (94258)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Cycling (97971) **8.30** Triathlon (823459) **9.30** Decathlon (90722) **10.30** Motors (75616) **12.00** Formula 1 (44797) **12.30** Motorcycling (72068) **1.00pm** Eurotun (282771) **1.30** Cycling (77567) **2.00** Cycling (310683) **3.30** Motorcycling (3074) **4.00** Golf (5703) **6.00** Boxing (53987) **7.00** Darts (55258) **8.00** Truck Racing (64906) **9.00** Boxing (712452) **10.00** Formula 1 (45426) **10.30** Motorcycling (27074) **11.00** Sailing (28616) **11.30-12.30am** Cycling

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (34838) **7.30** Wrestling (757703) **8.30** Racing News (48513) **9.00** Sports Centre (350723) **9.30** Aerobics (768844) **10.00** Inside the PGA Tour (86703) **10.30** Grass Roots Rugby (31277) **11.00** Asian Football (220938) **12.00** Aerobics (22529) **12.30pm** Futbol Mundial (70600) **1.00** The Pavilion End: End of Season Special (115281) **3.00** Inside the PGA Tour (6819) **3.30** Futbol Mundial (8906) **4.00** Beach Volleyball (32819) **4.59** Sports Centre (5864567) **5.00** Wrestling (7971) **6.00** Sports Centre (7890) **6.30** Netbusters (48987) **7.30** Formula Three Racing (1426) **8.00** Ringside on the Road (77426) **10.00** Sports Centre (23258) **10.30** Tight Lines (79882) **11.30** Formula Three (82987) **12.00** Ringside Boxing (70407) **1.30am** Sports Centre (31484) **2.00** Netbusters (14440) **3.00-3.30** Sports Centre (74662)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Tight Lines (8958109) **9.00** Spanish Football (96328797) **10.30** Inside the PGA Tour (2780797) **11.00** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (4089722) **12.30-1.00am** Blood, Sweat and Glory (5142339)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 In-line Skating (77312722) **1.00pm** Coca-Cola Cup (4339764) **3.00** Grass Roots Rugby (66513451) **3.30** Drag Racing (18875451) **4.00** Inside the PGA Tour (16861258) **4.30** Golf Extra (58041635) **5.00** In-line Skating (77318906) **7.00** Sports Centre (88505432) **7.30** Football League Review (50271451) **8.30** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (49204116) **10.30** Football League Review (99319646) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (93498695)

Ken Branagh in *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* (Movie Ch, 10.00pm)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Moms Cavlo **5.00** Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Benny Hinn **6.15** Cristo Dollar Changing Your World **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (6049345) **7.55** As the World Turns (9553451) **8.50** Peyton Place (8259635) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (2295971) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (6734432) **11.30** Golf in Paradise (6735161) **12.00** Eliat (2656548) **12.30pm** Bruce and Bob Eat America (70126000) **1.00** Gateway (4184426) **1.30** On Top of the World (7011971) **2.00** An American in Tahiti (4507987) **3.00** Globetrotter (5619451) **3.30-4.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (6581109)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography (66529884) **5.00** Memories of 1988 (58007103) **6.00** China Rising (71008191) **7.00-8.00** Biography (9992161) **8.25** EastEnders (2995432) **9.00** The Bill (4742722) **9.30** The Sullivans (5657074) **10.00** One by One (4671242) **11.00** Bullseye (4738088) **11.30** Sale of the Century (4737797) **12.00** Tellystack (47332958) **12.30pm** Neighbours (55518890) **1.00** EastEnders (8270703) **1.30** Never the Twain (8054894) **2.15** Ever Decreasing Circles (66946339) **2.50** Brush Strokes (69038987) **3.30** The Bill (26155657) **4.00** Howards' Way (48238548) **5.00** Bullseye (43731555) **5.30** George and Mildred (26148838) **6.00** Tellystack (26804451) **6.30** EastEnders (3937384) **7.05** Odd One Out (5033345) **7.45** A Little Bit of Emmy (6973548) **8.00** Funny You Ask (4475667) **8.30** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (44540074) **9.00** The Equalizer (57888364) **10.00** The Bill (92332442) **10.35** Canned Carrott (1542277) **11.15** The Sweeney (4017093) **12.15am FILM: The Late Nancy Irving** (26418575) **1.30** Shopping (42347300)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (15358388) **6.20** Meltdown: No Naked Flames (14244426) **6.45** Degrassi Junior High (9714451) **7.15** Ready or Not (9783647) **7.45** California Dreams (9776355) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (9192492) **8.45** Art Attack (4669600) **9.00** Tiny TCC: Tiny and Crew (12190688) **10.20** The Clangers (3103548) **10.25** Christopher Crocodile (9891432) **11.00** Dinobabies (89797) **11.20** Animal Show (80426) **12.00** Barney (86797) **12.30pm** Oscar's Orchestra (14088) **1.00** Gaspar and Friends (27287) **1.30** Tiny TCC (92875819) **1.45** Teddy Trucks (57976354) **1.55** Mr Benn (57368722) **2.15** Babaloos (55087086) **2.20** Tower (55164181) **2.30** Christopher Crocodile (48868119) **2.40** Barths (57662538) **3.00** Degrassi Junior High (8267) **3.30** Ready or Not (2364) **4.00** California Dreams (8971) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (4155)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (34971) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (93093) **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (25180) **7.30** Rugrats (11987) **8.00** Doug (47884) **8.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (48155) **9.00** Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego (33625) **9.30** Wishbone (74428) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (3957432) **10.10** Busy World of Richard Scarry (4832703) **10.30** Mr Men (68738368) **10.40** Henry's Cat (68634451) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (30157032) **11.00** BBC Block (20835) **12.00** Clarissa Explains It All (40971) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (78242) **1.00** Baker (24451) **1.30** Littlest Pet Shop (77513) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (2426) **2.30** BBC Block (61838) **3.30** Asaahh!! Real Monsters (6546) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (2155) **4.30** Rugrats (87907787) **4.45** Doug (88841180) **5.00** Sister Sister (9306) **5.30** Sister Sister (5619) **6.00** Space Cases (5432) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3884)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm An Alrican Ride (4814890) **5.00** Time Travellers (4371797) **5.30** Jurassica (2605180) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5667451) **7.00** Wild Things: Unwelcome Houseguests (4457161) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (2899539) **8.00** The Specialists (5893242) **9.00** Diving Pessions (4810074) **9.30** Fighting (5573088) **10.00** Classic Wheels (5789069) **11.00-12.00** Justice Files (4570513)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (5665093) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (5578513) **2.00** The New Avengers (2372245) **3.00** Land of the Giants (4893105) **4.00** FILM: That Man from Rio (4463722) **6.00** Thunderbirds (5661277) **7.00** Monkey (5784548) **8.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (5897068) **9.00** Stanley and Hutch (5774332) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Entity (4821180)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (8242) **7.30** Entertainment (9068) **8.00** Wings (6890) **8.30** Lovers and Shirley (1797) **9.00** Soap (23345) **9.30** Taxi (519309) **10.00** Entertainment (41600) **10.30** Dr Katz (30548) **11.00** Sledgehammer (24890) **11.30** Frontline (60529) **12.00** Bob (57448) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (89310) **1.00** Soap (50440) **1.30** Taxi (31466) **2.00** Entertainment (76989) **2.30** Sledgehammer (15594) **3.00** Dr Katz (72204) **3.30-4.00** Wings

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6.00am Kilroy (4610906) **7.00** Esther (84078119) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (2291529) **8.30** Sport on a Plate (17234589) **8.55** Catchword (87778398) **9.25** Call the Doctor (2780984) **10.00** Super Fresco Fabulosious (8608935) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (7735635) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7085068) **11.55** Brookside (48835722) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (41820787) **12.55** Gabrielle (7298600) **1.40** Rolonda (2939677) **2.30** The Agony Experience (29308903) **3.00** Live at Three (91202342) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (2858242) **4.30** Talkabout (4194819) **5.05** Lingo (68474529) **5.30** Lucky Laddies (2941906) **6.00** Bewitched (2948618) **6.30** Ready, Steady,

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Leicestershire encouraged by coincidence

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

RAYMOND ILLINGWORTH had his feet up in Farsley yesterday, retirement evidently suiting him fine. He still needs little persuasion to talk cricket, however, and he recalled the events of 21 summers ago with clarity and affection. Captaining Leicestershire to win the county championship, said Illingworth, was up there with the proudest moments of his career.

It also remains, of course, the proudest moment in Leicestershire's 117-year history, for they had never won the title previously and they have not won it since. This, however, is surely about to change as the 1996 side begins its final game, against Middlesex at Grace Road today, requiring no more than 11 points to emulate the achievement of 1975. Surrey, at home to Worcestershire, and Kent, who play at Bristol, can only hope for an improbable collapse in sight of the winning-post.

There are parallels to be drawn between the Leicester generations. Both teams were led by a Yorkshireman, James Whitaker taking the modern Illingworth role, and both had other Yorkshiremen in the background. Chris Balderstone and Jack Birkenshaw were senior professionals in the 1975 team, whereas Birkenshaw is now team manager and has the Keighley-born Phil Robinson as second-team coach.

Both could also be thought unglamorous sides. Certainly, the England selectors believed as much, for the 1975 team suffered no Test calls and Alan Mullally is the only member of the present staff to be picked either this summer or for a winter tour.

Illingworth recalls with pleasure the transformation at Leicester in the early 1970s. "When I went there from Yorkshire, we started with absolutely nothing," he said. "But, within three years, we were winning things and then for five or six seasons we were the best side in the country.

"In 1975 we not only won the championship and the Benson and Hedges Cup, which was then a unique double, we also beat the Australian touring team. The secret of our side was that we had a number of older players who were very good pros. They brought the younger blokes along so that they learnt the basics of how to behave, as well as how to play. They were educated in self-discipline, which I think was very important."

Among the young men who made their initial appearances that summer were Paddy Clift, the Zimbabwean who died tragically and poignantly a fortnight ago, and a precocious David Gower. Those in the upper-age bracket included Graeme McKenzie, one of Australia's gentler, wiser exports, and Ken Higgs, one of Lancashire's most explosive.

There was Brian Davison, one of the most exciting batsmen of his time, and John Steele, one of the most obdurate; also, two men who are now international umpires, Balderstone and Barry Dudleston. Balderstone was among the last of the double sportsmen and, on the second evening of the game in which Leicestershire secured the title, he played football for Doncaster Rovers, returning to cricket the following morning to complete a century.

TOP OF TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Leics	16	9	1	6	53	57	272
Surrey	16	8	1	7	49	60	258
Kent	16	9	1	6	47	48	257
Essex	16	8	4	4	54	55	249

Illingworth's team contained four spin bowlers, who shared 162 championship wickets in 1975. The focus of Whitaker's side is the seam attack of Alan Mullally and David Millns. "I told Mullally the other day that there is no way his attack would have been bowling sides out for 150 on the Grace Road pitches of the 1970s," chuckled Illingworth. "They were too good." He wishes them well today, though, and offers a gracious tribute.

"All credit to them. They have played enterprising cricket all year, scoring plenty of runs as well as bowling sides out, and Whitaker has got a very good response from them. I'm pleased for him."

Whitaker joined Leicestershire in 1983, when support had diminished and those who did attend bemoaned the loss of the great days under Illingworth. He has played through plenty of disappointments since then, not least his own failure to secure more than one England cap, but to win the championship in his first season as captain would make up for everything.

"We will win the championship and we shall do so in style," he said yesterday. Middlesex, being a team of pride and pedigree, are unlikely to make it easy for them, but the odds are stacked in the leaders' favour. The weather forecast is poor, suggesting an interrupted four days, and even if they were to lose, either Surrey or Kent must win, probably with full bonus points, to deprive them.

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One final coincidence which Whitaker may care to broadcast during one of the huddles in which his players ritually indulge: the final home game of Leicestershire's 1975 programme was also against Middlesex, and it was won by eight wickets.

Lee's search for manager ends

Bassett poised to take over at Maine Road

BY DAVID MADDOCK

MANCHESTER City will today end their long, and at times painful, search for a manager with the appointment of Dave Bassett. Francis Lee, the chairman, is expected to call a press conference at which Bassett, the manager of Crystal Palace, will be unveiled.

The news will come as a huge relief to the legion of City supporters who have looked on in something approaching sheer horror as their club has reduced the search for a successor to Alan Ball, sacked four weeks ago, to farcical levels. Lee acted swiftly to end Ball's reign after poor results early in the new season, a season in which City found themselves in the Nationwide League first division. It quickly transpired, however, that the club had no immediate contingency plan in place to appoint a successor.

Lee tried — and failed — to tempt George Graham and Howard Kendall to Maine Road, before settling on Bassett. Even there, though, there were problems, and it seemed that only talks late into last night resolved the situation.

Ron Noades, the chairman of Crystal Palace, had initially refused permission for City to speak to his manager, which left the club in a desperate position yesterday. Lee knew that his own position was on the line if he failed to appoint a new manager quickly after a humiliating 4-1 defeat at Lincoln City in the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday evening.

But Bassett himself had a meeting with Noades that stretched late into last evening, and the pair appeared to finally reach an agreement which will allow him to make the journey to Manchester to take up the appointment.

Bassett will become Manchester City's sixth manager in as many years, and Lee admitted that the appointment must this time be the right one. He would, he confessed recently, have to consider his own position as chairman if he failed to deliver a manager this time who will bring the success the club's patient supporters crave.

On the appointment of Ball, he said that a chairman would also stand or fall on the performance of the manager, and just 24 hours before finally resolving his search for a successor, by appointing Bassett, he said: "If my next managers is a failure, then I might have to quit too."

Bassett was initially targeted when Graham first declined the offer, with Lee still furious over the former Arsenal manager's behaviour in announcing that he was interested in the job. Lee felt this was merely to advertise the fact that he was ready to resume his managerial career.

Bassett was genuinely interested in the job, but even then he held reservations about the size of the task he would face on entering Maine Road. At 52, Bassett knows this will almost certainly be his last job in football, and he wants it to be a successful one.

He is sure to make sweeping changes to his playing staff, with the first task perhaps being the most delicate one. Bassett has yet to be convinced about Gheorghe Kinkladze — the idol of the supporters — and must decide whether he is a bankable asset or the key to City's promotion chances.

There would be no shortage of buyers — Arsenal, Celtic and a host of foreign clubs, including Internazionale, have all expressed an interest. Lee himself has said that he would have to be slung from the rafters of Maine Road before he would allow the Georgian to leave.

He was, however, missing from the side against Lincoln in the Coca-Cola Cup — which immediately led to speculation that he was left out so as not to be cup-tied for potential purchasers.

Bassett, it seems, has already influenced one incoming transfer, with Andy Thorn, a former player under his managership at Wimbledon, apparently joining City on a month's loan from Heart of Midlothian. His next signing will be another Bassett old boy Simon Tracey, the Sheffield United goalkeeper.



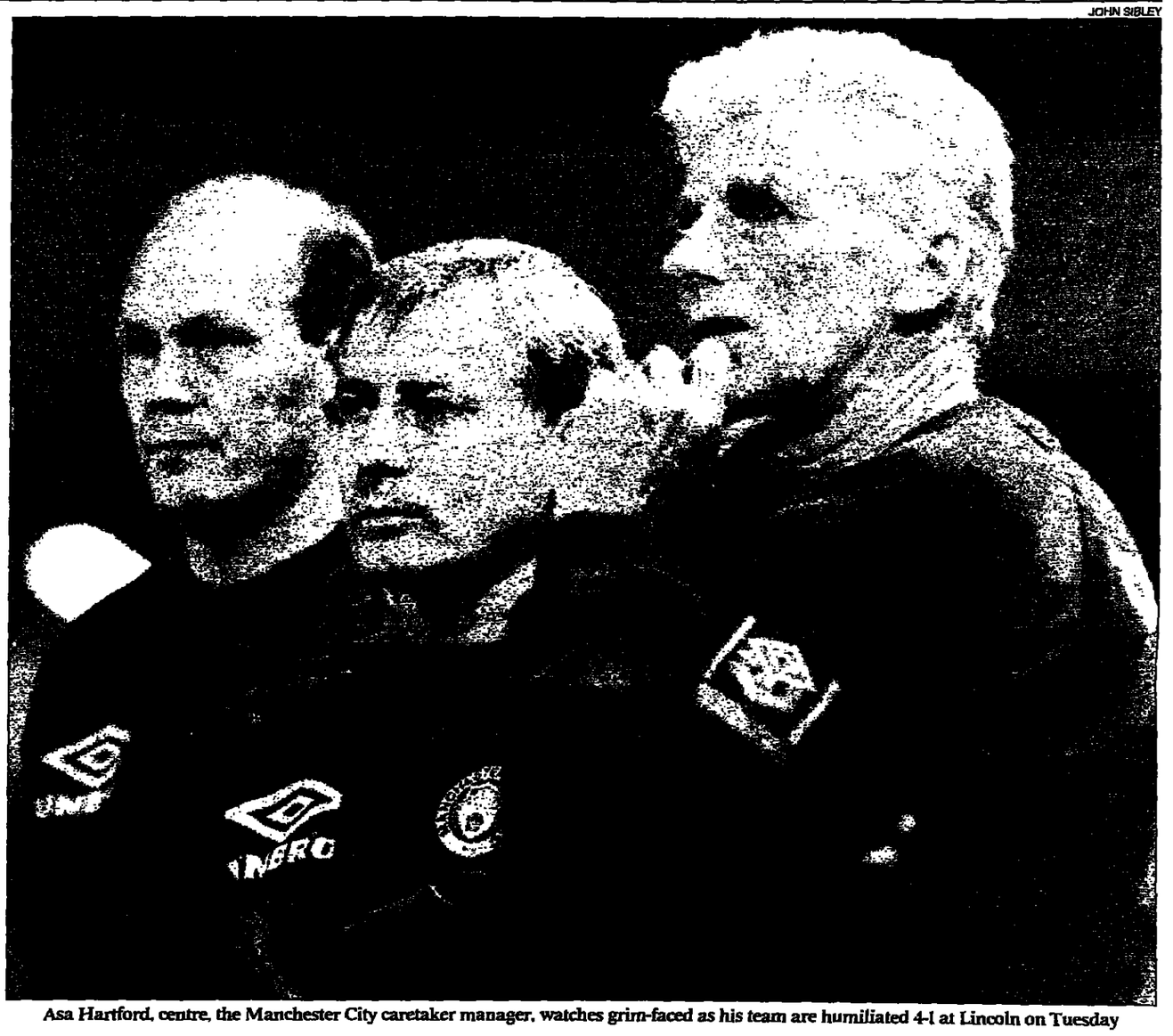
Lee: vital appointment

The new manager has been told that he will allowed free rein at Maine Road, with the only demand that he deliver promotion back to the FA Carling Premiership, preferably within one season. He will be given at least £5 million to spend on players.

Bassett has been in charge at Selhurst Park for just seven months, but in that time he guided the club from the lower reaches of the first division to the play-offs, where they lost to Leicester City.

Providing that there are no last minute hitches, then Lee has got his man. It remains to be seen if he is the right one.

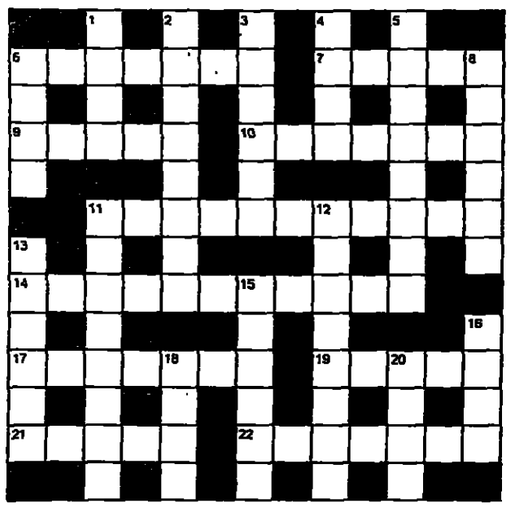
JOHN SIBLEY



Asa Hartford, centre, the Manchester City caretaker manager, watches grim-faced as his team are humiliated 4-1 at Lincoln on Tuesday

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6 Quantity of film (7)
7 Watch over (5)
9 Sifting device (5)
10 Item of personal property (7)
11 "The best thing since —" (6,5)
14 Made an enemy (of); *donate gains (anag.)* (11)
17 Group of five players (7)
19 Jouster's weapon (5)
21 Do extra well (5)
22 Colour of city *half as old as time* (4-3)

DOWN
1 Skin opening: look closely (4)
2 Boer-besieged town, relieved 1900 (8)
3 Bring out safely (6)
4 Taj Mahal site (4)
5 Top of our front page (8)
6 Rapid; (tied) tightly (4)
8 Mislead (6)
11 A rehearsed manoeuvre (3,5)
12 A lizard with *(myth)* deadly glance (8)
13 Motor-car make (6)
15 Scientific journal; character (6)
16 Heavy element; be first (4)
18 Levy; ring (bell) (4)
20 Fiddling Roman emperor (4)

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Rowell suffers in war of words

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE discordant sounds emerging yesterday from English rugby union's rival factions gave no indication that peace is likely to break out as a result of the most recent behind-the-scenes discussions. The bitterness is increasing, with the Scottish authorities not far behind.

The intervention of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) on the Scottish scene at the weekend, when it offered to bankroll leading Scottish clubs, has prompted considerable criticism from Freddie McLeod, the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) president, while remarks by Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, have been labelled "irrational and unhelpful" by Rugby Football Union (RFU) representatives.

Some of those close to the power struggle in England believe that the differences between the RFU progressives and the Epruc moderates are wafer-thin. If so, it is time for the two wings of their respective parties to make their views heard, to ward off the chance of an acrimonious split that cannot easily be healed. Several members of Epruc, notably in the second division, admit privately that a breakaway from the RFU is not the way forward.

The immediate consequence of the mutual mud-slinging is the continued disruption of England squad preparations. Already, two training dates have passed, and the one next Wednesday is now in doubt, to the frustration of Jack Rowell, the England coach, who had hoped to announce a new training squad this week.

Cliff Brittle, the RFU executive committee chairman, has been accused by Kerr of "undermining" the peace process, and as a result, Kerr refuses to state categorically that international-squad players will be released.

"The RFU gave us certain undertakings and, in return, we agreed to release the players to try and take things forward on an amicable basis," Kerr said. "We hoped for an amicable parting of the ways on October 11, but it looks like being acrimonious rather than friendly."

His remarks were described as misleading by Brittle and Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary. "The RFU are seeking a resolution to this dispute and will continue to do so," they said in a joint statement. "Donald Kerr's reaction is irrational and unhelpful. If Epruc want to resolve their differences with the RFU they will release their players to play for England at the very least, to show goodwill."

That is as nothing compared with McLeod's blast at Epruc. "What they have suggested is misleading, mischievous and a recipe for consigning Scotland to the wastebin of world rugby," McLeod said.

"If it is confrontation people want, then the war begins. I hope that, at the end of the day, there will only be one winner, and that will be the union. I am totally convinced it will be."

Mark Jones, the former Neath No 8 capped 14 times by Wales before joining Hull Rugby League Club, is poised to return to rugby union with Newport. A transfer fee has been agreed with his present club, Warrington.

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